



THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT OF  
THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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1           [THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DID  
2           NOT MEET IN CLOSED SESSION TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 2016.]

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6   [GAVEL.]

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8   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** GOOD MORNING, ALL. I'D LIKE TO  
9   WELCOME YOU TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS'  
10   JUNE 14, 2016 MEETING. THIS MEETING WILL NOW COME TO ORDER.  
11   BEFORE WE START THIS MORNING, I'D LIKE TO CALL FOR A MOMENT OF  
12   SILENCE FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY THE ORLANDO SHOOTING. [SILENCE.]  
13   THANK YOU. THIS MORNING WE'LL BE LED IN PRAYER BY SUPERVISOR  
14   DON KNABE. AND THE PLEDGE THIS MORNING WILL BE LED BY JESUS  
15   JURADO, FORMER STAFF SERGEANT, UNITED STATES AIR FORCE,  
16   HUNTINGTON PARK. WILL EVERYONE PLEASE STAND.

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18   **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IF  
19   YOU JOIN ME IN AN ATTITUDE OF PRAYER. OH GRACIOUS GOD, AS WE  
20   COME BEFORE YOU THIS MORNING, WE COME WITH HEAVY HEARTS, AS WE  
21   HAVE JUST TAKEN A MOMENT OF SILENCE TO THINK OF THOSE IN THAT  
22   HORRIBLE, HORRIFIC ORLANDO SITUATION, THOSE THAT HAVE LOST  
23   LOVED ONES, THOSE THAT ARE INJURED, AND THE COMMUNITY AS A  
24   WHOLE. WE JUST ASK FOR YOUR GRACE, GOD, AS THEY WANDER THROUGH  
25   THINGS AND ALL THESE THINGS COMING UP IN THEIR MINDS, THAT





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1 THEY TAKE A STEP BACK AND KNOW THAT YOU'RE THERE WITH YOUR  
2 LOVING ARMS. AND WE ASK AS WE GATHER TODAY AT THIS MEETING  
3 THAT YOU WILL CONTINUE TO GUIDE AND DIRECT US AND GUIDE AND  
4 DIRECT THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE ARE THANKFUL FOR  
5 OUR FIRST RESPONDERS. WE ARE THANKFUL FOR OUR COUNTY  
6 EMPLOYEES. WE ARE THANKFUL FOR THE MESSAGE THAT YOU CONTINUE  
7 TO BRING EACH AND EVERY DAY TO ALL OF US. WE'RE GRATEFUL FOR  
8 THOSE GIVINGS AND WE THANK YOU FOR YESTERDAY. WE THANK YOU FOR  
9 TODAY. AND WE THANK YOU FOR TOMORROW. AND ALL GOD'S PEOPLE  
10 SAID, AMEN.

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12 **JESUS J. JURADO:** PLEASE FACE THE FLAG. PLACE YOUR RIGHT HAND  
13 OVER YOUR HEART. IF YOU'RE A VETERAN, YOU CAN RENDER A SALUTE  
14 WITH YOUR HAND AND JOIN ME IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.  
15 [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED.]

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17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I'D LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND THANK  
18 JESUS JURADO FOR LEADING US THIS MORNING IN THE PLEDGE OF  
19 ALLEGIANCE. JESUS RESIDES IN THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK FOR  
20 THE PAST 16 YEARS AND HAS LIVED IN THE FIRST DISTRICT FOR  
21 ALMOST 21 YEARS. HE SERVED OUR GREAT COUNTRY IN THE AIR FORCE  
22 AS A STAFF SERGEANT IN THE 928TH AIR LIFT WING FROM 1985 TO  
23 1991, STATIONED AT THE CHICAGO O'HARE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.  
24 IN HIS YEARS OF SERVICE, JESUS HAS EARNED SEVERAL MILITARY  
25 DECORATIONS WHICH INCLUDE THE AIR FORCE OUTSTANDING UNIT



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1 AWARD, THE AIR FORCE GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL AND THE AIR FORCE  
2 LONGEVITY SERVICE AWARD RIBBON. JESUS JURADO ATTENDED SOUTHERN  
3 ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY AT EDWARDSVILLE WHERE HE OBTAINED A  
4 BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION. MR. JURADO  
5 CURRENTLY WORKS FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AS A PROGRAM  
6 ASSISTANT IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES. HE IS  
7 HAPPILY MARRIED TO HIS WIFE ANABEL AND HAS TWO CHILDREN, 15-  
8 YEAR-OLD JOVEL JURADO AND 12-YEAR-OLD MITZVAH JURADO. BEING A  
9 CIVICALLY ENGAGED CITIZEN, MR. JURADO VOLUNTEERS HIS FREE TIME  
10 AT THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF HUNTINGTON PARK AS ONE OF THE  
11 OFFICERS IN CHARGE OF EDUCATION, AS WELL AS PARTICIPATING IN  
12 THE ANNUAL L.A.H.S.A. HOMELESS COUNT. ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY  
13 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. WE'RE DELIGHTED TO HAVE YOU HERE AND  
14 WANT TO GIVE YOU THIS COMMENDATION. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

15 [APPLAUSE.]

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17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** AT THIS TIME WE'LL BEGIN BY AN  
18 OPENING STATEMENT AND MESSAGE TO THE AUDIENCE.

19  
20 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** GOOD MORNING, MADAME CHAIR AND  
21 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. TODAY'S AGENDA WILL BEGIN ON PAGE 3,  
22 POLICY MATTER. ON ITEM P-1, WE WILL HOLD FOR A REPORT, AND  
23 THIS MATTER RELATES TO AGENDA ITEM NO. 19. ON PAGE 4, REPORTS,  
24 ON ITEM R-1, THIS ITEM RELATES TO AGENDA ITEMS NO. 22 AND 73  
25 AND WILL BE HELD FOR A REPORT. ON ITEM NO. R-2 AS NOTED ON THE



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1 AGENDA, THE INTERIM CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS  
2 ITEM BE CONTINUED TO JULY 12, 2016. ON PAGE 5, SPECIAL  
3 DISTRICTS, AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
4 THE NEWHALL SANITATION DISTRICT AND SANITATION DISTRICT NO.  
5 27, THIS MATTER IS BEFORE YOU.

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7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THIS ITEM MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL.  
8 SECONDED WITHOUT OBJECTION.

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10 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** ON PAGE 6, AGENDA FOR THE MEETING  
11 OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, ON ITEMS 1-D AND 2-D,  
12 A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HAS REQUESTED THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD.  
13 ON ITEM 3-D, THIS MATTER RELATES TO AGENDA NO. 1-H. THE  
14 REMAINDER OF THESE ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU.

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16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THESE ITEMS ARE MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
17 RIDLEY-THOMAS. SECONDED, WITHOUT OBJECTION.

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19 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** AND ON AGENDA ITEM 3-D, EXCUSE ME,  
20 MADAME CHAIR, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HAS REQUESTED THAT THIS  
21 ITEM BE HELD. ON PAGE 7, AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE HOUSING  
22 AUTHORITY, ON ITEM 1-H, THIS ITEM RELATES TO AGENDA ITEM NO.  
23 3-D. THESE ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU.

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1    **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THESE ITEMS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
2    KNABE. SECONDED WITHOUT OBJECTION.

3

4    **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HAS  
5    REQUESTED THAT ITEM 1-H BE HELD. ON PAGE 8, AGENDA FOR THE  
6    MEETING OF THE REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT. THIS  
7    ITEM IS BEFORE YOU.

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9    **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THESE ITEMS ARE MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
10    KUEHL. SECONDED WITHOUT OBJECTION.

11

12    **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** ON PAGE 9, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,  
13    ITEMS NO. 1 THROUGH 21, ON ITEM NO. 1, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC  
14    HAS REQUESTED THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 2,  
15    SUPERVISOR KUEHL REQUESTS THAT THE MOTION BE AMENDED TO  
16    INCLUDE ALL COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES AND A MEMBER OF  
17    THE PUBLIC HAS REQUESTED THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO.  
18    3, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HAS REQUESTED THAT THIS ITEM BE  
19    HELD. ON ITEM NO. 4, THIS ITEM RELATES TO AGENDA ITEMS NO. 1-D  
20    AND 2-D AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HAS REQUESTED THAT THIS  
21    ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 9, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HAS  
22    REQUESTED THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEMS NO. 11 AND 12, A  
23    MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HAS REQUESTED THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD.  
24    ON ITEM NO. 13, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS REQUESTS THAT THE  
25    ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER BE INCLUDED IN THE COLLABORATION AND



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1 A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HAS REQUESTED THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD.  
2 ON ITEM NO. 18, SUPERVISOR KUEHL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE  
3 CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO JUNE 21, 2016. ON ITEM NO. 19,  
4 SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. THE  
5 REMAINING ITEMS UNDER THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ARE BEFORE YOU.

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7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THESE ITEMS ARE MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
8 RIDLEY-THOMAS. SECONDED WITHOUT OBJECTION.

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10 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** ON PAGE 19, CONSENT CALENDAR. ITEMS  
11 22 THROUGH 72, ON ITEM NO. 22, THIS ITEM WILL BE HELD FOR  
12 DISCUSSION ALONG WITH R-1. ON ITEM 23, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC  
13 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 25 AND 26, MEMBERS OF  
14 THE PUBLIC HAVE REQUESTED THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON ITEMS  
15 28 AND 29, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC HAVE REQUESTED THAT THESE  
16 ITEMS BE HELD. YES, 28 AND 29. ON ITEM NO. 30, SUPERVISOR  
17 KUEHL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO JUNE  
18 21, 2016. ON ITEM 31, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HAS REQUESTED  
19 THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 32, SUPERVISOR KUEHL REQUESTS  
20 THAT THIS ITEM BEING CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO JUNE 28, 2016. ON  
21 ITEM 33, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HAS REQUESTED THAT THESE ITEM  
22 BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 37, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL  
23 AGENDA, COUNTY COUNSEL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED  
24 ONE WEEK TO JUNE 21, 2016. ON ITEMS 38, 39 AND 40 AND 41,  
25 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC HAVE REQUESTED THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD.





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1 ON ITEM NO. 44, THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH REQUESTS THAT  
2 THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO JUNE 28, 2016. ON ITEM 47,  
3 AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, COUNTY COUNSEL  
4 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO JUNE 21,  
5 2016. ON ITEM NO. 50, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT  
6 THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 51, SUPERVISOR KUEHL REQUESTS  
7 THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD FOR DISCUSSION. ON ITEM 52, A MEMBER OF  
8 THE PUBLIC HAS ALSO REQUESTED THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM  
9 54, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HAS REQUESTED THAT THIS ITEM BE  
10 HELD. ON ITEM 55, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE  
11 DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE REFERRED  
12 BACK TO THE DEPARTMENT. ON ITEM 56, AS INDICATED ON THE  
13 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REQUESTS  
14 THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO JUNE 21, 2016. ON ITEM  
15 57, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON  
16 ITEM 65 AND 66, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HAS REQUESTED THAT  
17 THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON ITEM 68, SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS  
18 THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD FOR DISCUSSION. ON ITEM 72, SUPERVISOR  
19 SOLIS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC HAVE REQUESTED THAT THIS ITEM  
20 BE HELD. AND ON ITEM NO. 70, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HAS  
21 REQUESTED THIS ITEM BE HELD. THE REMAINING ITEMS ON THE  
22 CONSENT CALENDAR ARE BEFORE YOU.

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24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THESE ITEMS ARE BEFORE US. SUB KNABE  
25 MOVES. SECONDED WITHOUT OBJECTION.



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2 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** ON PAGE 47, ORDINANCES FOR  
3 INTRODUCTION, ITEMS 73 AND 74. ON ITEM 73, THIS IS AN  
4 ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION AMENDING COUNTY CODE TITLE 11,  
5 HEALTH AND SAFETY, BY ADDING A CHAPTER RELATING TO  
6 REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SAFE, CONVENIENT AND SUSTAINABLE  
7 COLLECTION OF DISPOSAL OF UNWANTED PHARMACEUTICAL DRUGS AND  
8 UNWANTED SHARPS. THIS ITEM RELATES TO AGENDA ITEMS NO. R-1 AND  
9 22. THIS ITEM WILL ALSO BE HELD FOR DISCUSSION UNDER R-1. ON  
10 ITEM 74, THIS IS AN ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION TO GRANT A  
11 PROPRIETARY WASTE WATER PIPELINE FRANCHISE TO PEPPERDINE  
12 UNIVERSITY TO TRANSPORT AND DISTRIBUTE WATER, RECYCLED WATER,  
13 WASTE WATER AND SEWAGE FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS. THIS ITEM  
14 RELATES TO AGENDA ITEM NO. 27, AND THIS ITEM IS BEFORE YOU.

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16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THIS ITEM IS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
17 KUEHL. SECONDED, WITHOUT OBJECTION.

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19 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** ON PAGE 48, MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS  
20 TO THE AGENDA WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE  
21 OF THE MEETING AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON  
22 ITEM 75-A, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HAS REQUESTED THIS ITEM BE  
23 HELD. ON PAGE 49, ITEMS CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS FOR  
24 FURTHER DISCUSSION AND ACTION BY THE BOARD. ON ITEM NO. A-6,  
25 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON



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1 ITEM NO. A-7, SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE  
2 HELD. THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA. BOARD OF  
3 SUPERVISORS SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT  
4 NO. 4 AND PRESENTATIONS BEGIN WITH THE CHAIR'S PRESENTATION TO  
5 THE NEW CONSUL GENERAL OF KENYA IN LOS ANGELES.

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7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I'D LIKE TO AT THIS TIME ACKNOWLEDGE  
8 THE NEW CONSUL GENERAL FROM KENYA HERE IN LOS ANGELES, MAURICE  
9 NAKITARE, TO BE HERE WITH US TODAY. MR. NAKITARE HOLDS A  
10 MASTER OF ARTS DEGREE IN INTERNATIONAL STUDIES AND MASTER OF  
11 ARTS IN HISTORY FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI, KENYA. HE  
12 STARTED HIS CAREER AS A CIVIL SERVANT IN THE OFFICE OF THE  
13 PRESIDENT, AS ASSISTANT SECRETARY, FINANCE, IN 1988, BEFORE  
14 BEING TRANSFERRED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL SECURITY AND  
15 PROVINCIAL ADMINISTRATION WHERE HE SERVED FOR ALMOST 15 YEARS.  
16 IN 2003, MR. NAKITARE JOINED THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
17 AS AN UNDERSECRETARY, VICTORIATE OF EUROPE COMMONWEALTH. HE  
18 WAS LATER ASSIGNED THE DUTIES OF DEPUTY CHIEF OF PROTOCOL. ONE  
19 YEAR LATER IN 2004, HE WAS ADMITTED TO THE PRESTIGIOUS  
20 MILITARY ACADEMY, THE NATIONAL DEFENSE COLLEGE TO STUDY  
21 DIPLOMACY AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES. IN JULY OF 2005, HE WAS  
22 GIVEN HIS FIRST FOREIGN POSTING IN KENYA, HIGH COMMISSION IN  
23 DAR ES SALAAM, UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA, AS DEPUTY HIGH  
24 COMMISSIONER. HE WAS LATER TRANSFERRED TO LAUNCH THE KENYAN  
25 EMBASSY IN BANGKOK, THAILAND. AFTER THAILAND, HE WAS BACK TO



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1 THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN 2009 TO HIS PREVIOUS JOB OF  
2 DEPUTY CHIEF OF PROTOCOL IN 2012. HE WAS PREVIOUSLY POSTED AT  
3 DEPUTY AMBASSADOR TO THE KENYAN EMBASSY IN KHARTOUM, SUDAN. ON  
4 BEHALF OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND THE MORE THAN 10  
5 MILLION RESIDENTS OF THE COUNTY, WE ARE PLEASED TO WELCOME HIM  
6 TO LOS ANGELES AND PLEDGE OUR SUPPORT TO HIM AND HIS MISSION  
7 TO ENHANCE AND TO CREATE THOSE BONDS AND RELATIONSHIPS THAT WE  
8 NEED SO MUCH BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. THANK YOU. AND ON  
9 BEHALF OF THE COUNTY BOARD, WE'D LIKE TO PRESENT THIS PLAQUE  
10 FOR COMMENDATION. [APPLAUSE.]

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12 **HON. MAURICE NAKITARE:** MADAME CHAIRLADY, DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS  
13 OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE L.A. COUNTY, THIS IS INDEED  
14 MY HONOR, MY PLEASURE. I'M DEEPLY HONORED TO STAND BEFORE YOU,  
15 DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND  
16 DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC OF THE UNITED STATES OF  
17 AMERICA. I'M HERE AS THE CONSUL GENERAL OF KENYA, AND MY WORK  
18 HERE IS TO PROMOTE AND PROTECT, SAFEGUARD THE DEEP HISTORICAL,  
19 DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS THAT EXIST BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF  
20 AMERICA AND KENYA. WE TAKE PLEASURE IN ASSOCIATING OURSELVES  
21 WITH THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BECAUSE SINCE OUR  
22 INDEPENDENCE IN 1963, THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA HAS PLAYED  
23 A CRUCIAL ROLE IN MAKING SURE THAT WE TAKE OUR YOUTH TO GET  
24 BETTER EDUCATION AND GO BACK TO HELP THEIR COUNTRY. PART OF  
25 THAT IN THE 1960S, WHEN WE HAD THE FAMOUS KENNEDY AIR LIFT



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1 THAT THEN PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, THAT WE  
2 TOOK SO MANY YOUNG KENYANS TO COME TO AMERICA TO STUDY, AND  
3 THEY STUDIED AND THE RESULT IS HISTORY. WE ARE PLEASURED, WE  
4 ARE HAPPY, I'M PERSONALLY TOUCHED TO SEE THAT I CAN SEE  
5 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC DEBATING ON ISSUES THAT TOUCH ON THEM.  
6 THIS IS TRUE DEMOCRACY. DEMOCRACY IS NOT JUST A WORD BUT IT'S  
7 A VALUE THAT MANY PEOPLE STRIVE FOR. I KNOW SOME OF YOU HAVE  
8 STRUGGLED OUTSIDE AMERICA MAY HAVE SEEN WHAT WE MEAN BY  
9 DEMOCRACY. BUT THOSE OF YOU WHO STAY HERE AND HAVE NEVER GONE  
10 OUT, YOU MAY NOT OR MAY NEVER UNDERSTAND WHAT IT MEANS TO MISS  
11 DEMOCRACY IN YOUR GOVERNANCE. SUCH AN ILLUSTRIOUS JOB AS  
12 ALLOWING MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO DECIDE WHERE A METRO WILL  
13 PASS, WHERE A TRAIN WILL GO, WHERE TO ERECT A SCHOOL, IS  
14 SOMETHING THAT MAY NOT HAPPEN IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD. BUT  
15 FOR YOU IN AMERICA, YOU HAVE BEEN AN EXAMPLE FOR MANY PEOPLE.  
16 AND THAT'S WHY ALMOST EVERYBODY ACROSS THE CONTINENT WOULD  
17 WISH TO BE PART OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. IT'S A  
18 WONDERFUL COUNTRY TO BE. I'VE LIVED HERE SHORTER THAN EIGHT  
19 MONTHS AND, MAN, I'M LOVING IT. YOU ARE WONDERFUL PEOPLE. IT  
20 IS SOMETHING YOU CAN BORROW AND TAKE FURTHER BECAUSE YOU ARE  
21 THE LEADER OF OUR FREE DEMOCRACY. WHAT ELSE WOULD YOU HAVE  
22 WISHED? EVEN IF THE GREEKS CAME BACK, THIS IS NOT WHAT THEY  
23 THOUGHT THEY WANTED. GOD BLESS YOU. THANK YOU SO MUCH. AND  
24 LIKE YOU ALWAYS SAY, GOD BLESS AMERICA. [APPLAUSE.]

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1    **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** BOARD MEMBERS AND MEMBERS OF THE  
2    PUBLIC, IT IS MY PLEASURE TO INTRODUCE DR. ARTURO DELGADO. DR.  
3    ARTURO DELGADO WAS BORN AND RAISED IN LOS ANGELES. DR. DELGADO  
4    BEGAN HIS EDUCATION CAREER MORE THAN 33 YEARS AGO AS A  
5    BILINGUAL TEACHER IN BALDWIN PARK AND ROWLING UNIFIED SCHOOL  
6    DISTRICTS. IN 2011, DR. DELGADO WAS APPOINTED THE LOS ANGELES  
7    COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.  
8    AT THAT TIME, THE L.A. TIMES REPORTED, QUOTE, "HE'S WILLING TO  
9    GO OUT TO SCHOOL SITES, LOOK AT CLASSROOMS, TALK TO TEACHERS  
10    AND ADMINISTRATORS AND NOT JUST SIT IN AN OFFICE BEHIND CLOSED  
11    DOORS. HE HAS A HEART FOR KIDS AND STUDENTS THAT HAVE BEEN  
12    DISADVANTAGED BECAUSE OF POVERTY AND ETHNICITY THAT WILL HELP  
13    HIM IN LOS ANGELES." AS OUR COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT, HE WAS  
14    RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FINANCIAL AND ACADEMIC STABILITY OF 80 K-  
15    12 SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN THE COUNTY, WHICH SERVED MORE THAN 2  
16    MILLION PRESCHOOL AND SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN. PREVIOUSLY,  
17    SUPERINTENDENT OF THE SAN BERNARDINO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL  
18    DISTRICT FOR 12 YEARS, DR. DELGADO MADE IT HIS TOP PRIORITY TO  
19    IMPROVE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND OPPORTUNITIES PROVIDED BY  
20    L.A.C.O.E. TO YOUTH DETAINED IN THE COUNTY'S JUVENILE  
21    DETENTION FACILITIES. HE HAS RECEIVED NUMEROUS AWARDS FOR  
22    INSTITUTIONAL AND COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP, INCLUDING EDUCATOR OF  
23    THE YEAR BY THE "HISPANIC HERITAGE MAGAZINE." WE WANT TO WISH  
24    HIM WELL FOR HIS SERVICE IN HIS RETIREMENT AND THANK HIS  
25    FAMILY FOR SHARING HIM WITH US. AND WE WISH HIM WELL ON BEHALF



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1 OF THE 10 MILLION PEOPLE THAT WE REPRESENT HERE IN THE COUNTY  
2 OF LOS ANGELES. DR. ARTURO DELGADO. [APPLAUSE.]

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4 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAME CHAIR, WHILE YOU'RE TAKING SOME PHOTOS  
5 THERE, I JUST WANTED TO ADD, OBVIOUSLY, HE'S PERFORMED WELL ON  
6 ALL LEVELS, BUT ONE OF THE BIG ISSUES THAT WE ASKED DR.  
7 DELGADO TO GET INVOLVED IN IN HIS FIRST FEW DAYS WAS IN OUR  
8 CAMP SCHOOLS AND THE FINANCIAL SITUATION AND THE DISASTER THAT  
9 WAS PENDING THERE. AND HE JUST DID A GREAT JOB ON BOTH FRONTS.  
10 AND FOR THAT, WE ARE FOREVER GRATEFUL. SO A JOB WELL DONE, MY  
11 FRIEND. WISH YOU THE BEST OF RETIREMENT. [APPLAUSE.]

12

13 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** I ALSO WANT TO ECHO THE COMMENT WE  
14 APPRECIATE HIS LEADERSHIP AND WORKING TOGETHER WITH THE  
15 PROBATION DEPARTMENT TO HELP IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF EDUCATION  
16 IN OUR CAMPS, WHICH HAD BEEN NOT-- STANDARDS THAT WE NOW HAVE  
17 BECAUSE OF HIS LEADERSHIP. SO THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP.  
18 [APPLAUSE.]

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20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAME CHAIR, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I  
21 SIMPLY WANT TO SAY A FEW WORDS ABOUT DR. ART DELGADO.  
22 FOLLOWING HIS APPOINTMENT IN 2011, HE EMPHASIZED THAT ONE OF  
23 HIS TOP PRIORITIES WOULD BE TO IMPROVE THE EDUCATIONAL  
24 PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH DETAINED IN L.A. COUNTY'S PROBATION CAMPS  
25 AND HALLS. SO IT WAS IN 2012, DR. DELGADO AND I TOOK TO THE



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1 PARTS OF THE NATION. SPECIFICALLY WE TRAVELED TO HARRIS  
2 COUNTY, TEXAS, TOGETHER. WE TRAVELED TO WASHINGTON, D.C. WE  
3 SPENT TIME IN MARYLAND LOOKING AT THESE FACILITIES. WE LEARNED  
4 A LOT. AND WHEN HE RETURNED TO LOS ANGELES, ART DELGADO GOT  
5 BUSY, AND THE RESULTS ARE IMPRESSIVE. HE LOOKED AT THE FREEDOM  
6 SCHOOL MODEL DEVELOPED BY THE CHILDREN'S DEFENSE FUND. AND  
7 THESE FREEDOM SCHOOLS PROMOTE READING AND SELF-ESTEEM THROUGH  
8 AN ACADEMICALLY RIGOROUS CURRICULUM THAT STRESSES CIVIC  
9 ENGAGEMENT AND SOCIAL ACTION. IT'S THE ONLY ARTICLE THAT I CAN  
10 RECALL IN RECENT TIMES THAT WAS WRITTEN BY THE L.A. TIMES,  
11 FOCUSING ON PROBATION CAMP EXPERIENCE, THAT TALKED FAVORABLY  
12 IN VERY CLEAR TERMS ABOUT THE IMPACT THAT THIS PROGRAM WAS  
13 HAVING IN OUR DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION., AND IT IS IN LARGE  
14 MEASURE ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE INSIGHT THAT DR. DELGADO BROUGHT  
15 TO BEAR. IT IS UNPRECEDENTED THAT THESE FREEDOM SCHOOLS  
16 OPERATE IN THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEMS IN THE NATION AND LOS  
17 ANGELES DID, IN FACT, DISTINGUISH ITSELF BECAUSE OF HIS  
18 INNOVATION AND FORESIGHT. THE WORK THAT HE DID ON ROAD TO  
19 ACADEMY IS A TESTAMENT TO HIS SUCCESS BECAUSE EDUCATORS FROM  
20 VARIOUS PARTS OF THE NATION AND SPECIFICALLY THE STATE OF  
21 CALIFORNIA CAME TO OUR COUNTY TO FIND OUT WHAT WAS GOING ON  
22 BECAUSE OF THE MEASURABLE GAINS THAT COULD BE POINTED TO IN  
23 TERMS OF TEST SCORES AND OTHER OUTCOMES. AND SO I THINK IT'S  
24 FAIR TO SAY THAT HIS NOW FIVE YEARS OF SERVICE HERE IN THE  
25 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AT L.A.C.O.E. WITH HIS BOARD MEMBERS AND



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1 STAFF IN TOW AS WELL AS HIS FAMILY, IS MARKED BY A SENSE OF  
2 PURPOSEFULNESS, A SENSE OF INNOVATION, A SENSE OF  
3 ACCOUNTABILITY AND ACCESSIBILITY. AND SO, ART, WE SALUTE YOU.  
4 WE THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU HAVE DONE, AND WE WISH YOU WELL  
5 IN YOUR RETIREMENT. [APPLAUSE.]

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7 **DR. ARTURO DELGADO:** WELL THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I REALLY DO WANT  
8 TO SAY THAT THIS REALLY WAS A MISSION FOR ME COMING BACK TO  
9 LOS ANGELES. AND I THANK GOD FOR MOSTLY FOR THE PATIENCE AND  
10 THE ENDURANCE THAT IT TOOK TO GET THIS JOB DONE. BUT I DO WANT  
11 TO THANK THE SUPERVISORS FOR TAKING A CHANCE. I WAS AN UNKNOWN  
12 QUANTITY COMING IN. AND I SUPPOSE MAYBE YOU READ A LOT ABOUT  
13 WHAT'S GOING ON IN SAN BERNARDINO AND SAY, WELL IT CAN'T BE  
14 THAT BAD IF HE'S COMING FROM SAN BERNARDINO, AND HE MIGHT BE  
15 ABLE TO DO A FEW THINGS FOR US HERE. SO I DO THANK THE BOARD  
16 OF SUPERVISORS FOR TAKING THAT CHANCE, AND ACTUALLY FOR THE  
17 GREAT SUPPORT THAT I RECEIVED FROM THIS BODY HERE. I THINK THE  
18 COUNTY'S IN GOOD HANDS WHEN YOU HAVE ELECTED OFFICIALS WHO  
19 UNDERSTAND THE WORK THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE AND THEN GO AFTER IT  
20 TO TRY TO FIND PEOPLE THAT WILL GET THE JOB DONE. SO FOR THOSE  
21 THAT WERE HERE, I THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISORS. WE BROUGHT  
22 IN READING PROGRAMS. WE BROUGHT IN FREEDOM SCHOOLS. WE BROUGHT  
23 IN A NUMBER OF RECOVERY PROGRAMS FOR OUR MOST AT-RISK YOUTH.  
24 AND WE'VE SEEN SOME GREAT PROGRAMS ESPECIALLY THROUGH OUR ROAD  
25 TO SUCCESS ACADEMY. SO THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THAT. BUT I DO



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1 ALSO WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT I DIDN'T DO THIS ALONE. NOBODY CAN  
2 DO THIS ALONE. IT'S A VERY BIG COUNTY. IT'S VERY BIG DISTRICT  
3 OFFICE. SO I HAVE SOME GOOD APPOINTEES BY THE BOARD OF  
4 SUPERVISORS TO OUR BOARD OF EDUCATION, DR. BECKY TURRENTINE,  
5 GABRIELLA HOLT, ALEX JOHNSON WHO'S STANDING HERE WITH ME  
6 TODAY. I THANK THE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE GREAT SUPPORT  
7 THEY GAVE. AND IT WAS A TEAM EFFORT THAT WE WERE ABLE TO MOVE  
8 FORWARD, MAKING THINGS RIGHT. THERE WAS SOME LOW HANGING FRUIT  
9 THAT WE WERE ABLE TO CORRECT RIGHT AWAY, AND OTHER THINGS  
10 STILL NEED SOME WORK. SO WITH A GOOD BOARD, IT MAKES IT VERY,  
11 VERY POSSIBLE. AND THEN I HAVE MY FRIENDS WHO HAVE KNOWN ME  
12 FOR MANY YEARS, PEOPLE THAT HAVE SEEN ME GROWING UP ALONG THE  
13 YEARS AND MANY OF THEM I'VE KNOWN FOR OVER 40 YEARS, AND  
14 THEY'VE SEEN THE STRUGGLE AND THE LACK OF OPPORTUNITY I'VE HAD  
15 TO SPEND TIME WITH THEM. AND THEY'RE HERE TODAY JUST TO SHOW  
16 THEIR SUPPORT. I DON'T KNOW IF THEY'RE GRATEFUL OR NOT THAT  
17 I'M RETIRING BECAUSE I'LL BE AROUND MORE OFTEN. AND WHETHER  
18 THEY LIKE IT OR NOT, I'LL BE SPENDING MORE TIME WITH THEM, SO  
19 I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO THAT. BUT FINALLY DO WANT TO THANK MY  
20 FAMILY. MY WIFE, MY BEAUTIFUL WIFE WHO IS STANDING BEHIND ME,  
21 MY BRIDE OF 43 YEARS, AND MY SON WHO IS TAKING PICTURES. AND  
22 I'LL GET A CHANCE TO GET RE-ACQUAINTED WITH ALL OF THEM.  
23 HOPEFULLY MY WIFE WILL PUT UP WITH ME. I'M ALREADY BEGINNING  
24 TO SEE WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE IN OUR HOME. [LAUGHTER.] AND  
25 SHE'S SAYING, "THAT'S NOT YOUR TURF. THIS IS MY TURF." AND SO





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1   THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR ALL THE SUPPORT AND ALL THE  
2   OPPORTUNITIES THAT I HAD HERE. I ENJOYED MY WORK. AND I  
3   ENJOYED HELPING WITH ALL THE WORK THAT NEEDED TO BE DONE. SO  
4   THANK YOU TO THE SUPERVISORS. AND THANK YOU, AGAIN, TO THE  
5   PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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7   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MEMBERS, NEXT I'D LIKE TO CALL UP  
8   CINDY HARDING, SHERYL SPILLER AND 13 REFUGEE SERVICE AGENCIES  
9   WHO WILL JOIN US HERE AT THE DAIS. WE ARE CELEBRATING REFUGEE  
10   AWARENESS MONTH, AND HOW FITTING THAT IT FALLS ON TODAY, GIVEN  
11   WHAT WE HAVE SEEN OCCUR IN THE PAST WEEK, THE CALL IS FOR ALL  
12   OF US INFORM COME TOGETHER, TO JOIN IN AS A UNIVERSAL FAMILY.  
13   THE DEPARTMENTS OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES AND PUBLIC HEALTH  
14   ALONG WITH LOCAL RECEPTION AND REFUGEE SERVICE AGENCIES ARE  
15   SALUTED FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING SERVICE IN SUPPORT OF REFUGEES'  
16   ASPIRATIONS TO BECOME PRODUCTIVE MEMBERS HERE IN LOS ANGELES  
17   COUNTY. WE APPLAUD YOUR MUTUAL EFFORTS AND DEDICATION TO  
18   PROVIDE SPONSORSHIP, RESETTLEMENT AND MUCH NEEDED SOCIAL  
19   SERVICES TO REFUGEES' FAMILIES ENTERING LOS ANGELES COUNTY.  
20   LOS ANGELES COUNTY CORROBORATES WITH THESE LOCAL REFUGEE  
21   SERVICE AGENCIES TO ASSIST REFUGEES IN THEIR PURSUIT OF  
22   LIBERTY AND SELF-SUFFICIENCY IN A CIVILIZATION FREE FROM  
23   PERSECUTION AND DEPRIVATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS. TODAY WE PAY  
24   SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO THESE AGENCIES THAT HAVE PROVIDED THEIR  
25   ASSISTANCE FOR THEIR EFFORTS AND DEDICATION TO ASSIST ALL



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1 REFUGEES AND COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY. PLEASE  
2 JOIN ME IN THANKING ALL OF THEM. [APPLAUSE.]

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4 **SHERYL SPILLER:** THANK YOU, GOOD MORNING. THANK YOU, MADAME  
5 CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. D.P.S.S. IS HAPPY TO JOIN  
6 TODAY IN RECOGNIZING THE DETERMINATION AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF  
7 THE REFUGEES WHO HAVE SETTLED IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND WHO  
8 CONTRIBUTE TO OUR COMMUNITIES. D.P.S.S. AND THE DEPARTMENT OF  
9 PUBLIC HEALTH PARTNER WITH LOCAL COMMUNITY AGENCIES AND THE  
10 REFUGEE EMPLOYMENT SERVICES PROVIDERS TO ASSIST REFUGEES ON  
11 THE PATH TOWARD SELF-SUFFICIENCY. CURRENTLY D.P.S.S. SERVES  
12 APPROXIMATELY 1940 REFUGEES AND THEIR FAMILIES. TODAY I WOULD  
13 LIKE TO CONGRATULATE AND THANK OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS FOR  
14 THEIR UNSURPASSED COMMITMENT TO ASSIST REFUGEES AND THEIR  
15 FAMILIES AS THEY BECOME CONTRIBUTING MEMBERS OF A DIVERSE  
16 COUNTY. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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18 **CYNTHIA HARDING:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS CYNTHIA HARDING. I'M  
19 THE INTERIM DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, AND  
20 I'M VERY HONORED TO BE ON THE STAGE WITH THESE AMAZING  
21 ORGANIZATIONS SERVING REFUGEES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND WITH  
22 THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES. OVER THE PAST TWO  
23 YEARS, OUR DEPARTMENT HAS SERVED CLOSE TO 5,000 REFUGEES AND  
24 OTHERS. FOR EXAMPLE, VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND ASYLEES  
25 FROM MORE THAN 54 COUNTRIES. AND OUR WORK IN THE DEPARTMENT OF



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1 PUBLIC HEALTH IS TO PROVIDE HEALTH ASSESSMENTS AND LINK  
2 REFUGEES TO HEALTHCARE AND PROVIDE EDUCATION ABOUT HOW TO USE  
3 THE U.S. HEALTH CARE SYSTEM. PARTNERSHIP IN THIS WORK IS KEY,  
4 AND SO WE ARE PLEASED TO CONTINUE THIS PARTNERSHIP WITH THE  
5 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES, AND WITH, AGAIN, THESE  
6 COMMUNITY AGENCIES THAT ARE SO CRITICAL IN THIS WORK TO BRING  
7 PEOPLE TO THIS COUNTRY AND TO MAKE THEM COMFORTABLE WITH AND  
8 ABLE TO FIND THE RESOURCES AND THINGS THEY NEED, FOOD,  
9 HOUSING, EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION, WHICH ARE SOME OF THE BASIC  
10 NECESSITIES FOR PEOPLE TO HAVE HEALTHY LIVES. SO I WANT TO  
11 THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR RECOGNIZING THIS IMPORTANT  
12 PARTNERSHIP AND WORK THAT GOES ON IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND  
13 THANK YOU FOR RECOGNIZING REFUGEE AWARENESS MONTH. [APPLAUSE.]

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15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** BOARD MEMBERS?

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17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MEMBERS, AT THIS TIME I'D LIKE TO  
18 MAKE A SPECIAL PRESENTATION. AND I KNOW THAT AFTER I CONCLUDE,  
19 I WILL CALL ON SUPERVISOR KUEHL WHO ALSO WANTS TO MAKE SOME  
20 STATEMENTS AND ALSO BRING FORWARD SOME FOLKS FROM THE COUNTY  
21 OF LOS ANGELES. I'D LIKE TO ASK MY GOOD FRIEND RICHARD  
22 ZALDEVAR TO COME UP TO THE DAIS WITH ME. RICHARD REPRESENTS  
23 THE MEMORIAS WALL THAT RECOGNIZES PEOPLE WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY  
24 AS A RESULT OF FIGHTING H.I.V. AND A.I.D.S. BUT TODAY, AT THIS  
25 MOMENT, I WANT TO TALK A BIT ABOUT THE ORLANDO SHOOTING. AND



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1 AS WE KNOW, THIS WAS AN OUTRAGEOUS ACT OF VIOLENCE THAT  
2 OCCURRED ON WHAT WAS DEEMED LATIN NIGHT AT THE PULSE, A  
3 PREMIER GAY CLUB. MOST OF THE VICTIMS THERE, AS YOU KNOW, WERE  
4 PEOPLE OF COLOR, PREDOMINANTLY LATINO OR LATINA, OF PUERTO  
5 RICAN DESCENT. THE VIOLENT ATTACK CLAIMED 50 LIVES AND WOUNDED  
6 OVER 50 OTHERS, MANY WHO WERE HOSPITALIZED BECAUSE OF THOSE  
7 INJURIES. THIS TRAGEDY IS A HARSH AND SOBERING REMINDER OF THE  
8 CONTINUING NEED FOR COMMITTING RESOURCES TO EDUCATE AND  
9 PREVENT PREJUDICE AND VIOLENCE IN ALL OF ITS FORMS. THE  
10 ORLANDO SHOOTING IS THE DEADLIEST MASS SHOOTING IN OUR U.S.  
11 HISTORY. PULSE NIGHTCLUB WAS A PLACE TO CREATE FUN MEMORIES,  
12 TO DANCE, TO LAUGH, TO CELEBRATE SPECIAL OCCASIONS, BUT MORE  
13 IMPORTANTLY FOR PEOPLE TO BE THEMSELVES. IT'S AWFUL THAT  
14 SOMEONE WOULD WRECK SUCH TERROR IN WHAT WAS CONSIDERED A SAFE  
15 PLACE FOR THE L.G.B.T. COMMUNITY IN ORLANDO. THE MASS SHOOTING  
16 IN ORLANDO IS AN EXTREME EXPRESSION OF AN ALL-TOO-COMMON  
17 EVERYDAY HOMOPHOBIC, TRANSPHOBIC, SEXIST AND RACIST VIOLENCE  
18 FACING GENDER NONCONFORMING PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY OF COLOR IN THE  
19 UNITED STATES AND AROUND THE WORLD. THERE IS NO PLACE, NO  
20 PLACE, FOR THIS TYPE OF SENSELESS VIOLENCE. THE COUNTY OF LOS  
21 ANGELES STANDS IN SOLIDARITY WITH OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN  
22 ORLANDO, AND WE OFFER OUR HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES AND COMPASSION  
23 TO THE FAMILY, LAS FAMILIAS, AND THE LOVED ONES FOR THOSE WHO  
24 WERE KILLED IN THIS SENSELESS ATTACK. WE WILL REMAIN IN PRAYER  
25 FOR THE HEALING OF THOSE THAT WERE INJURED DURING THE SHOOTING



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1 AND THOSE WHO LOST THEIR LIVES IN THIS HORRIBLE, TRAGIC ACT OF  
2 TERROR. I'D LIKE TO ASK RICHARD ZALDEVAR TO JUST ADD A FEW  
3 WORDS. THANK YOU.

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5 **RICHARD ZALDEVAR:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE  
6 BOARD. YOU KNOW, THE TRAGEDY THAT TOOK PLACE ON SUNDAY  
7 HAPPENED IN A PLACE WHERE A LOT OF LATINOS WENT TO PARTY AND  
8 TO BECOME FAMILY, FAMILIA, BECAUSE THEY HAVE SO MANY  
9 DIFFERENT-- WHETHER IT'S HOMOPHOBIA AT HOME OR WHETHER THEY  
10 JUST WANT TO HAVE A GOOD, GOOD TIME. THEIR FAMILIES HAVE BEEN  
11 IMPACTED. BUT WE, AS AMERICANS, ARE PART OF THAT EXTENDED  
12 FAMILY. WE ALL HAVE BEEN IMPACTED. IN TODAY'S SOCIETY, THERE'S  
13 NO REASON FOR PEOPLE TO BE ABLE TO PICK UP AND BUY SO MANY  
14 GUNS AND SHOOT. NOT KNOWING WHETHER THE PERSON WAS HOMOPHOBIC  
15 OR MENTALLY DISABLED, WE DON'T KNOW THAT. BUT WE DO KNOW THAT  
16 IT WAS AN ACT OF TERROR AND AN ACT OF HATE. SO LET THIS TIME  
17 BE FOR ALL OF US TO COME TOGETHER, AND ASK GOD TO BLESS THOSE  
18 VICTIMS, THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS AND THEIR LOVED ONES. ALL OF US  
19 WHO ARE IMPACTED, LET US TOGETHER AS GOD TO BLESS THE FUTURE  
20 OF OUR GENERATION HERE IN THIS COUNTRY, AND TO BLESS OUR  
21 HUMANITY. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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23 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. I'M BEING JOINED  
24 UP HERE ON THE DAIS BY THOSE LEADERS IN OUR COUNTY-- AND I  
25 WILL ANNOUNCE THEIR NAMES IN A MINUTE-- WHO ARE OUT AND PROUD.





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1 L.G.B.T. AND Q. BUT I WANT TO SAY A THING ABOUT A MOMENT OF  
2 SILENCE WHICH WE ALL TOOK AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS MEETING. I  
3 HAVE TO SAY I'M KIND OF SICK OF MOMENTS OF SILENCE.  
4 [APPLAUSE.] THIS IS IN NO WAY TO SAY IT WAS INAPPROPRIATE. BUT  
5 I'M READY FOR MOMENTS OF SCREAMING. AND MOMENTS OF RAGE AND  
6 MOMENTS OF WEEPING AND MOMENTS OF KEENING, AND MOMENTS OF  
7 DECISION AND MOMENTS OF COMMITMENT AND ALL OF THE THINGS THAT  
8 WE TALK ABOUT AFTER EACH OF THESE TRAGEDIES. I'M VERY, VERY  
9 PROUD OF THE WORK WE'VE DONE IN THE COUNTY, IN THE STATE OF  
10 CALIFORNIA AND, FRANKLY, IN THE COUNTRY TO RECOGNIZE AND TRY  
11 TO DEAL WITH OUR INHERITED HATREDS. WE BREATHE THEM IN AS WE  
12 GROW UP. AND WE CHOOSE TO EXHALE THEM AS WE GET OLDER, TO  
13 LEARN AND TO GROW. AS HILDA SAID, THE 50 PEOPLE WHO WERE  
14 KILLED WERE MOSTLY IN THEIR 20S, WERE ALMOST ALL LATINO OR  
15 LATINA. THEY WENT TO DANCE. THEY WENT TO HAVE FUN. THOSE 50  
16 PEOPLE DIDN'T KNOW IT WAS GOING TO BE THEIR LAST DANCE. WE  
17 HARDLY EVER THINK ABOUT SUCH A THING. IF WE DID, IT WOULD KEEP  
18 US FROM GOING ANYWHERE. SO WE GO, IN A FREE COUNTRY, BECAUSE  
19 WE KNOW, AS WE USED TO SAY AND WEAR ON OUR T-SHIRTS IN THE  
20 A.I.D.S. AND GAY MOVEMENTS, SILENCE EQUALS DEATH. SO WE ARE  
21 NOT SILENT. AND I'M VERY HAPPY TO BE JOINED ON THE STAGE,  
22 EXCUSE ME, ON THE DAIS TODAY, BY LET'S SEE, IS MITCH HERE?  
23 THERE HE IS. DR. MITCH KATZ, WHO OF COURSE IS THE HEAD OF OUR  
24 HEALTH AGENCY. JOE KELLY, OUR TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR.  
25 TERRI MCDONALD, ASSISTANT SHERIFF. RO ANDA, WHO IS OUR CHIEF



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1 FROM L.A. SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, CHIEF OF TRANSIT, POLICING  
2 DIVISION. STEVEN GOLIGHTLY, WHO IS THE DIRECTOR OF OUR CHILD  
3 SUPPORT SERVICES DEPARTMENT. SKYE PATRICK, OUR L.A. COUNTY  
4 LIBRARIAN. JEFF PRANG, WHO IS OUR ELECTED ASSESSOR AND A  
5 WONDERFUL ONE. AND I DON'T SAY THAT BECAUSE MY TAXES WENT DOWN  
6 OR ANYTHING. [LAUGHTER.] A WONDERFUL ASSESSOR. JOHN WAGNER,  
7 WHO'S SENIOR EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT AT FIRST FIVE L.A. LARRY  
8 HAFETZ OUR CHIEF DEPUTY DIRECTOR AT COUNTY COUNSEL. STEVE  
9 MASTERSON, OUR CLASSIFICATION DIRECTOR FOR L.A. COUNTY. DR.  
10 CHARLES SOPHY, OUR MEDICAL DIRECTOR OF D.C.F.S. AND IF I MAY  
11 ASK MY FOUR WONDERFUL L.G.B.T. TEAM MEMBERS FROM TEAM KUEHL TO  
12 JOIN ME ON THE STAGE, TORI OSBORN, TIMOTHY WHITMAN, KEYWAN  
13 KING, AND MADELYN MOORE. I HAVE NOT ASKED ANY OF THEM TO SPEAK  
14 BECAUSE THIS IS ALREADY GOING TO BE A 12-HOUR MEETING. BUT I  
15 WANT TO SAY THAT I'M GRATEFUL FOR EACH AND EVERY ONE OF THEM.  
16 I DIDN'T INTRODUCE SKYE? OH MY GOODNESS. YEAH, I DID. OKAY.  
17 TWICE SKYE PATRICK. [LAUGHTER.] OUR LIBRARIAN, WHICH IS GOOD  
18 BECAUSE SHE CONTROLS THE BOOKS. I'M GRATEFUL TO EACH OF THEM  
19 FOR BEING OUT, FOR BEING PROUD, FOR SAYING "THIS IS WHO I AM."  
20 AND I WANT TO ASK ANY OF YOU IN THE AUDIENCE OR ON THE DAIS  
21 WHO IDENTIFIES AS LESBIAN OR GAY OR BI OR TRANS, OR QUEER, OR  
22 ANYTHING YOU WANT TO CALL IT, TO STAND UP FOR A MINUTE AND LET  
23 US SEE YOU. THOSE OF YOU ALREADY STANDING, I'M GOING TO CALL  
24 ON YOU AS ALLIES, TOO. RAISE YOUR HAND IF YOU'RE UP HERE  
25 STANDING. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.] AND AFTER THE MASSACRE IN THE



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1 MOST IRONIC TWIST, IN FLORIDA, GAY MEN ARE NOT ALLOWED TO  
2 DONATE BLOOD. BECAUSE OF COURSE IT MIGHT BE TAINTED WITH THE  
3 A.I.D.S. VIRUS. AND SO HUNDREDS AND HUNDREDS OF OUR STRAIGHT  
4 ALLIES LINED UP, SOME OF THEM FOR MORE THAN AN HOUR, TO GIVE  
5 BLOOD BECAUSE OF COURSE A LOT OF BLOOD HAD BEEN LOST. SO I'D  
6 LIKE TO ASK ANY OF YOU WHO MIGHT IDENTIFY AS OUR STRAIGHT  
7 ALLY, ONLY IF YOU WANT TO, STAND UP AND LET US RECOGNIZE YOU,  
8 AS WELL. PLEASE. [APPLAUSE.] LET ME SAY IN CLOSING, THERE WILL  
9 NEVER BE ENOUGH GRIEF, THERE WILL NEVER BE ENOUGH WORDS, THERE  
10 WILL NEVER BE ENOUGH WE CAN DO BUT I ASK YOU TO RE-DEDICATE  
11 YOURSELVES TO MAKING CERTAIN THAT THIS KIND OF PREJUDICE, THIS  
12 KIND OF HATRED, THIS KIND OF VIOLENCE DOES NOT HAPPEN IN OUR  
13 COMMUNITY. YOU CAN STEP IN. YOU CAN SPEAK UP. SO MANY OF YOU  
14 HAVE. I AM SO PROUD OF OUR COUNTY AND SO PROUD OF THE PEOPLE  
15 IN OUR COUNTY. AND I THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU, MADAME  
16 CHAIR. [APPLAUSE.]

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18 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR, AT THIS TIME I'D LIKE TO  
19 CALL FORWARD JOSH LITERAS, ALFONSO HERRERA, CASSANDRA  
20 FIGUEROA. AND JOINING THEM ARE CYNTHIA PARULAN-COLFER,  
21 SUPERINTENDENT, HACIENDA-LA PUENTE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AND  
22 DR. DANIELLE CANFIELD, PRINCIPAL, WILSON HIGH SCHOOL. ON  
23 FEBRUARY 26TH OF THIS YEAR, JOSH, ALFONSO AND CASSANDRA, THREE  
24 17-YEAR-OLD STUDENTS FROM WILSON HIGH SCHOOL IN HACIENDA  
25 HEIGHTS WERE WALKING THROUGH A BANK PARKING LOT WHEN THEY



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1 OBSERVED A BAG ON THE GROUND. UPON INSPECTING THAT BAG, THEY  
2 DISCOVERED IT CONTAINED NEARLY \$5,000 IN CASH. IN A SITUATION  
3 WHERE MANY WOULD BE TEMPTED TO KEEP THE MONEY, THEY JOINTLY  
4 DECIDED TO CALL INDUSTRY SHERIFF'S STATION TO REPORT THEIR  
5 DISCOVERY. THESE HONEST YOUTH SURRENDERED THE MONEY FOR  
6 SAFEKEEPING AND PROPER DISPOSITION. AND I MIGHT ADD, I FOUND  
7 OUT THAT THERE WAS NO CLAIM TO THAT MONEY. SO THESE THREE  
8 YOUNG PEOPLE, DUE TO THEIR HONESTY, I THINK THEY GET TO SPLIT  
9 THOSE DOLLARS. [APPLAUSE] WE HAD THEM UPSTAIRS EARLIER AND I  
10 COMMENTED TO THEM, YOU KNOW, THERE'S A LOT TO BE SAID ABOUT  
11 CHOICES AND CONSEQUENCES. GOOD CHOICES, GOOD THINGS HAPPEN.  
12 BAD CHOICES, BAD THINGS HAPPEN. AND IN AN ERA WHERE THE MEDIA  
13 REALLY LIKES TO BOW DOWN ON YOUNG PEOPLE FOR SOME OF THE BAD  
14 THINGS THEY DO, I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE VERY, VERY APPROPRIATE  
15 TO THANK AND HONOR THOSE THAT DO THE RIGHT THING. SO ONE MORE  
16 TIME. BIG ROUND APPLAUSE FOR THESE YOUNG PEOPLE. [APPLAUSE]

17

18 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. I DO WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE  
19 SUPERVISOR, THEIR OFFICE IMMEDIATELY WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT  
20 WE ACKNOWLEDGED STRONG YOUNG KIDS. I WANT TO GIVE A SPECIAL  
21 THANK YOU TO THEIR PARENTS BECAUSE THEIR PARENTS RAISED GOOD  
22 KIDS THAT ARE GREAT EXAMPLES TO ALL THE REST OF THE STUDENTS  
23 AT HACIENDA LA PUENTE. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND  
24 CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE]

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1    **SUP. KNABE:** MADAME CHAIR?

2

3    **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** I HAVE BEEN A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF  
4    SUPERVISORS FOR 35-1/2 YEARS. AND THIS PRESENTATION IS THE  
5    FIRST ONE I'VE EVER PRESENTED OR HAVE HAD ANY BOARD MEMBERS  
6    PRESENT. IT'S A SPECIAL PROCLAMATION WHICH I'LL MENTION IN A  
7    MOMENT TO YOU. BUT WE'RE RECOGNIZING MICHAEL CONRAD WHO'S  
8    RETIRING AFTER 41 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE COUNTY OF  
9    LOS ANGELES. MICHAEL WAS BORN THREE MONTHS PREMATURE, AND  
10    BECAUSE OF THE OVEREXPOSURE OF OXYGEN HAS BEEN BLIND SINCE  
11    BIRTH. HOWEVER, HIS LOVE OF CARS BEGAN AT A YOUNG AGE,  
12    RECEIVING HIS FIRST CAR WHICH WAS A 1956 FORD VICTORIA FROM  
13    HIS FATHER WHEN HE WAS 12 YEARS OLD. HE WAS HIRED BY THE  
14    MECHANICAL DEPARTMENT ON JUNE 23RD IN 1975 WHERE HE WORKED ON  
15    SMALL ENGINES AND CHAIN SAWS FOR THE HEALTH HIGHWAY SHOP. IN  
16    1983, HE BEGAN WORKING FOR THE TRANSMISSION SHOP WHERE HE  
17    REPAIRED AND REBUILT AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSIONS. IN 1995, HE  
18    TRANSFERRED TO OUR WONDERFUL FIRE DEPARTMENT WHERE HE HAS  
19    REPAIRED SMALL ENGINES, PILOT AND RELIEF VALVES, BRAKE  
20    CALIPERS AND 6 SPEED TRANSMISSIONS AND THE PUMP AND VALVES. IN  
21    ADDITION TO HIS WORK FOR THE COUNTY, HE SERVES LOCAL 119 ON  
22    THEIR EXECUTIVE BOARD. IN RETIREMENT, HE PLANS TO CONTINUE  
23    THIS SERVICE, OF VOLUNTEERING AND ADVOCATING FOR ACCESS  
24    SERVICE. SO WE'RE GIVING HIM TWO SCROLLS TODAY. ONE THAT YOU  
25    CAN ALL SEE. AND THE SECOND ONE IS IN BRAILLE WHICH HE CAN



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1 READ. SO WE WANT TO THANK YOU, MICHAEL, FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP  
2 AND YOUR SERVICE. [APPLAUSE] I'LL ASK OUR WONDERFUL FIRE CHIEF  
3 DARYL OSBY IF HE'D SAY A FEW WORDS BEFORE WE ASK MICHAEL TO  
4 SAY A FEW WORDS.

5

6 **CHIEF DARYL OSBY:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE CHAIR  
7 SOLIS, HONORABLE BOARD, AND ALSO A SPECIAL THANKS TO  
8 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. THANK YOU FOR PRESENTATION TO MIKE AND  
9 HIS 41 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE COUNTY AND IN  
10 PARTICULAR LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT. ACTUALLY I  
11 RUSHED HERE FROM A FIRE JUST TO MAKE SURE I DIDN'T MISS THIS,  
12 TO SAY THIS ON BEHALF OF THE MEMBERS OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
13 FIRE DEPARTMENT AND TO OUR PUBLIC AT LARGE THAT MIKE, ALONG  
14 WITH OUR STAFF BEHIND US, OUR MECHANICS, OUR FLEET, ARE UNSUNG  
15 HEROES. WE GO ON SEVERAL HUNDRED THOUSAND CALLS A YEAR, SO  
16 EVERY TIME YOU SEE A PARAMEDIC UNIT OR A FIRE TRUCK OR A  
17 LIFEGUARD TRUCK, IT'S PEOPLE LIKE MIKE AND OUR FLEET THAT KEEP  
18 THOSE THINGS RUNNING. MIKE, WE REALLY WANT TO THANK YOU FOR  
19 YOUR 41 YEARS OF COMMITTED SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO THE  
20 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. IN ADDITION TO THAT, AS ARTICULATED BY  
21 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, HE ALSO SERVED ON THE UNION BOARD MANY  
22 YEARS ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF THE TABLE FROM MANAGEMENT, BUT  
23 WE HAVE AN OUTSTANDING RELATIONSHIP WITH 119. SO WE THANK YOU  
24 FOR THAT COMMITMENT AND WISH YOU AND YOUR WIFE A VERY HEALTHY





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1 AND HAPPY, LONG LASTING RETIREMENT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

2 [APPLAUSE.]

3

4 **MIKE CONRAD:** FIRST OF ALL I'D LIKE TO SAY THAT I'M TRULY  
5 HONORED TO BE HERE TO BE GIVEN THIS AWARD. I WOULD LIKE TO  
6 FIRST OF ALL THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR ALLOWING THIS  
7 TO HAPPEN. I WOULD LIKE TO FIRST OF ALL RECOGNIZE MY BEAUTIFUL  
8 WIFE BELINDA WHO IS WITH ME HERE TODAY. I WILL REMEMBER THIS  
9 DAY FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE. I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU TO  
10 THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR LETTING THIS HAPPEN, ESPECIALLY CHIEF  
11 MARONEY WHO REALLY HELPED PUSH FOR THIS TO BE DONE TODAY. I  
12 WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK THE A.F.S.C.M.E., OUR UNION, OUR  
13 COUNCIL 36 AND LOCAL 119 WHICH I'VE BEEN PROUD TO BE A MEMBER  
14 OF FOR ALL THESE YEARS AND TO DO MY BEST FOR THEM AND THEY  
15 HAVE DONE THEIR BEST FOR ME. THEY'VE ALWAYS SUPPORTED ME, SO I  
16 WOULD LIKE TO THANK THEM. I'M JUST THINKING ABOUT 41 YEARS,  
17 AND SO MANY PEOPLE I KNEW THAT AREN'T HERE ANYMORE THAT HELPED  
18 ME AND SUPPORTED ME. ANYWAY, I'D LIKE TO THANK EVERYBODY. I  
19 GUESS THAT'S IT FOR NOW. BUT THANK YOU EVER SO MUCH,  
20 EVERYBODY. [APPLAUSE]

21

22 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** WE'RE GOING TO DO ONE MORE PICTURE  
23 WITH THE REST OF THE BOARD MEMBERS. THEN YOU GET A REPEAT.

24



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1    **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** IN 1983, PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN  
2    ISSUED THE PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING JUNE 5TH  
3    THROUGH 11TH, 1983 AS THE FIRST MANAGEMENT WEEK IN AMERICA.  
4    SINCE THEN, EVERY CITY AND COUNTY THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES  
5    HAVE BEEN RECOGNIZING THIS WEEK. THE GOAL OF MANAGEMENT WEEK  
6    IS TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF MANAGEMENT, CREATE AN  
7    UNDERSTANDING OF THE ESSENTIAL ROLE OF MANAGEMENT IN  
8    INCREASING PRODUCTIVITY AND INSPIRING YOUNG CITIZENS AND  
9    EDUCATORS TO BECOME FAMILIAR WITH THE BENEFITS, QUALITY  
10    MANAGEMENT PROVIDES TO OUR NATION. LOCKHEED MARTIN PLAYS A  
11    CRUCIAL ROLE IN THIS COMMUNITY AS AN INDUSTRY LEADER IN GLOBAL  
12    SECURITY AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY. A RELIABLE SOURCE OF WELL  
13    PAYING JOBS IN OUR COUNTY. AS AN ACTIVE COMMUNITY LEADER  
14    CONDUCTING OUTREACH FOR SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING,  
15    MATHEMATICS, S.T.E.M. AND EDUCATION-- S.T.E.M. EDUCATION  
16    RESEARCH REQUIRES COLLABORATION AMONG EDUCATORS, INDUSTRY,  
17    POLICYMAKERS AND FAMILIES. THE FUTURE SUCCESS OF OUR NATION,  
18    BOTH IN THE AREAS OF NATIONAL DEFENSE AND THE GLOBAL ECONOMY,  
19    ARE DEPENDENT ON A SUPPLY OF HIGHLY TRAINED TECHNICAL WORKERS.  
20    SO THROUGH YOU, LILLIAN, AND LOCKHEED MARTIN, WE ARE PROMOTING  
21    S.T.E.M. EDUCATION AND HELPING TO TRAIN FUTURE GENERATIONS TO  
22    BE LEADERS AND MANAGERS IN THE S.T.E.M. RELATED INDUSTRIES. SO  
23    TODAY WE WELCOME LILLIAN TAVERA OF LOCKHEED MARTIN IN  
24    RECOGNITION OF MANAGEMENT WEEK IN AMERICA. [APPLAUSE.]  
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1   **LILLIAN TAVERA:** ON BEHALF OF LOCKHEED MARTIN LEADERSHIP  
2   ASSOCIATION CHAPTER 5225 IN PALMDALE, CALIFORNIA, AND ON  
3   BEHALF OF OUR PARENT ORGANIZATION, THE NATIONAL MANAGEMENT  
4   ASSOCIATION, WE'D LIKE TO THANK ALL OF YOU LEADERS HERE TODAY  
5   AND ESPECIALLY OUR HOST, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. WE BELIEVE  
6   FROM THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, YOU'RE PART OF THE GREATEST DISTRICT  
7   IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. WE HAVE A LITTLE BIT OF BIAS HERE.  
8   BUT THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR HONOR. THANK YOU.

9

10   **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE HAVE TWO LITTLE GIRLS. ONE IS  
11   CHIQUEYEN, WHICH IS A FOUR-MONTH OLD CHIHUAHUA, AND THE OTHER  
12   IS A PUMPKIN WHICH IS MALTESE MIX, 10 MONTHS OLD. YOU CAN CALL  
13   562-728-4610. FITS IN YOUR POCKET IS RIGHT. THESE LITTLE  
14   LOVIES WANT A LITTLE HOME. SO ANYBODY WHO WOULD LIKE TO ADOPT  
15   THEM, CALL THE TELEPHONE NUMBER. LITTLE PUMPKIN AND OUR OTHER  
16   LITTLE SWEETHEART HERE WILL BRING A LOT OF LOVE AND JOY. LOOK  
17   AT THAT LITTLE-- I THINK HILDA, WOULD YOU LIKE LITTLE PUMPKIN?

18

19   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NO, NOT TODAY. SOMEBODY WILL LOOK AT  
20   THEIR FACES AND SAY YES.

21

22   **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** SHE SAYS "DON'T FORGET ABOUT ME."

23

24   **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** MADAME CHAIR, WE'LL PLAY THE RULES  
25   OF CONDUCT FOR THE BOARDROOM.



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2 **RECORDING:** LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MAY I PLEASE HAVE YOUR

3 ATTENTION. THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF

4 SUPERVISORS IS ABOUT TO COMMENCE. A CODE OF CONDUCT WILL NOW

5 BE READ, AND WE REQUEST THAT YOU COMPLY WITH IT TO ENSURE THE

6 EFFICIENT ADMINISTRATION OF THE MEETING. MEMBERS OF THE

7 PUBLIC, IT IS YOUR RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN TODAY'S BOARD

8 HEARING AND THE BOARD ENCOURAGES SUCH PARTICIPATION. HOWEVER,

9 THE RIGHT OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD MUST BE BALANCED

10 WITH THE NEED TO ENSURE THAT PUBLIC COMMENT DOES NOT INTERFERE

11 WITH THE ORDERLY COURSE OF THE BOARD'S BUSINESS. ALL ARE

12 REMINDED TO ABIDE BY THE FOLLOWING RULES. SPEAKERS MUST CEASE

13 SPEAKING IMMEDIATELY WHEN THEIR TIME IS ENDED. PUBLIC COMMENT

14 ON AGENDA ITEMS MUST RELATE TO THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THAT

15 ITEM. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT IS LIMITED TO SUBJECTS WITHIN THE

16 JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD. PUBLIC COMMENT DOES NOT INCLUDE THE

17 RIGHT TO ENGAGE IN A DIALOGUE WITH BOARD MEMBERS OR STAFF.

18 PLEASE REMAIN RESPECTFUL OF THE FORUM AND REFRAIN FROM

19 UTTERING, WRITING OR DISPLAYING PROFANE, PERSONAL,

20 THREATENING, DEROGATORY, DEMEANING OR OTHER ABUSIVE STATEMENTS

21 TOWARDS THE BOARD, ANY MEMBER THEREOF, STAFF, OR ANY OTHER

22 PERSON. MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE SHOULD BE RESPECTFUL OF THE

23 VIEWS EXPRESSED BY SPEAKERS, STAFF AND BOARD MEMBERS AND MAY

24 NOT CLAP, CHEER, WHISTLE, OR OTHERWISE DISRUPT THE ORDERLY

25 CONDUCT OF THE MEETING. ANY PERSON ENGAGING IN CONDUCT THAT



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1 DISRUPTS THE MEETING IS SUBJECT TO BEING REMOVED FROM THE  
2 BOARD MEETING. AND, FINALLY, IF YOU WITNESS CONDUCT OR  
3 BEHAVIOR BY OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT DISRUPTS YOUR  
4 ABILITY TO REMAIN ENGAGED OR PARTICIPATE IN THIS MEETING,  
5 PLEASE NOTIFY THE SERGEANT AT ARMS OR OTHER COUNTY STAFF.  
6 THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE WANT TO MAKE A SLIGHT  
9 MODIFICATION. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS HAS SOME PRESENTATIONS.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAME CHAIR AND TO  
12 THE DEAN OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AS WELL. TODAY WE  
13 ACKNOWLEDGE AND PROCLAIM THIS MONTH OF JUNE AS ELDER AND  
14 DEPENDENT ADULT ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH AND TAKE THIS OCCASION  
15 TO RECOGNIZE THE COUNTY'S DEPARTMENTS AND LEADERS WHO MAKE A  
16 DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF THIS VULNERABLE POPULATION. ELDER  
17 AND DEPENDENT ABUSE, ELDER ABUSE, ADULT ABUSE IN PARTICULAR,  
18 CAN TAKE A VARIETY OF FORMS, AND MANY OF US KNOW THIS. IT  
19 INCLUDES ANY ACT OF PHYSICAL VIOLENCE, PSYCHOLOGICAL ABUSE,  
20 NEGLECT, ISOLATION, ABDUCTION, FALSE IMPRISONMENT, UNLAWFUL  
21 TAKING OF MONEY OR PROPERTY FROM ANYONE WHO IS 65 YEARS OR  
22 OLDER, OR ANY DEPENDENT ADULT WITH A DISABILITY. ELDER AND  
23 DEPENDENT ADULT ABUSE IS FREQUENTLY A HIDDEN CRIME,  
24 PERPETRATED BY INDIVIDUALS WHO PREY UPON VULNERABLE PEOPLE.  
25 SADLY, THE PERPETRATORS OF THIS ABUSE ARE OFTEN FAMILY



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1 MEMBERS, FRIENDS AND CARETAKERS. ELDER AND DEPENDENT ADULT  
2 ABUSE IS SO COMPLEX AND MULTIFACETED THAT A MULTIDISCIPLINARY  
3 RESPONSE IS WARRANTED. ENTER, THEN, THE COUNTY'S ELDER ABUSE  
4 FORENSIC CENTER, WHICH IS A MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM OF  
5 PROFESSIONALS OPERATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES,  
6 COUNTY U.S.C. THAT INCLUDES COMMUNITY AND SENIOR SERVICES,  
7 ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES, THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY ELDER ABUSE  
8 UNIT, THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, THE PUBLIC GUARDIAN'S  
9 OFFICE, AND GENESIS PROGRAMS, THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, AS  
10 WELL AS OTHER AGENCIES IN THE LARGER NETWORK OF  
11 INTERDEPARTMENTAL AND RELATED MUNICIPAL ENTITIES. THE FORENSIC  
12 CENTER TEAM MEETS WEEKLY TO REVIEW CHALLENGING AND THOSE CASES  
13 THAT REQUIRE IMPLEMENTATION SOLUTIONS FOR TARGETS OF ABUSE, AS  
14 WELL. THEY DEVELOP STANDARDS FOR CASE INTERVENTION METHODS.  
15 OTHER PARTNERS SUCH AS THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS  
16 AFFAIRS, FRAUD PROTECTION PROGRAM, D.H.S., HARBOR U.C.L.A.,  
17 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES, W.I.S.E. AND HEALTHY,  
18 LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN AND COUNTLESS COMMUNITY-BASED  
19 ORGANIZATIONS, THEY WORK TIRELESSLY WITH ADULT PROTECTIVE  
20 SERVICES TO SAFEGUARD THE ELDER AND THE DEPENDENT ADULT  
21 POPULATION. SO I'M THRILLED TODAY TO BE JOINED BY DEPARTMENT  
22 HEADS FROM THE COMMUNITY AND SENIOR SERVICES, CYNTHIA BANKS,  
23 CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS BRIAN STIGER, THE MENTAL HEALTH  
24 DEPARTMENT, DR. ROBIN KAY, AND THE PUBLIC DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC  
25 SOCIAL SERVICES WITH SHERYL SPILLER. WE ALL HAVE





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1 RESPONSIBILITY TO ATTEND TO THIS ISSUE. AND WE ARE TODAY  
2 JOINED BY SOCIAL WORKERS FROM ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES WHO  
3 DEMONSTRATE COMPASSION AND PROFESSIONALISM TO THOSE WHO HAVE  
4 BEEN VICTIMIZED BY THESE CRIMES. AND IF THOSE INDIVIDUALS IN  
5 THE AUDIENCE, WE'D ASK YOU TO STAND SO WE CAN ACKNOWLEDGE YOU  
6 AND GIVE YOU AN APPROPRIATE SHOUT OUT. THOSE OF YOU IN THE  
7 AUDIENCE, THOSE PERSONS IN THE AUDIENCE, WE URGE EVERYONE TO  
8 LEARN ABOUT THE INDICATORS OF ELDER AND DEPENDENT ABUSE AND BE  
9 A PART OF THE SOLUTION. PLEASE VISIT THE INFORMATIONAL BOOTH  
10 IN GRANT PARK TO PICK UP FREE POSTERS AND RESOURCES ON ELDER  
11 AND DEPENDENT ADULT ABUSE. AND TOGETHER I THINK WE CAN MAKE A  
12 DIFFERENCE. AND WE CAN FIGHT ON THE PROPER FRONT TO RESIST,  
13 PUSH BACK AND EDUCATE AROUND THIS SERIOUS ISSUE. NOW IT'S MY  
14 PLEASURE TO INVITE CYNTHIA BANKS TO COME FORWARD AND SPEAK ON  
15 BEHALF OF THE COMMUNITY AND SENIOR SERVICES DEPARTMENT, ADULT  
16 PROTECTIVE SERVICES, IN HONOR OF ELDER AND DEPENDENT ABUSE  
17 MONTH IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. CYNTHIA BANKS? [APPLAUSE.]

18

19 **CYNTHIA BANKS:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR, AND THANK YOU TO THE  
20 BOARD FOR ACKNOWLEDGING THIS CRITICAL ISSUE OF ELDER AND  
21 DEPENDENT ABUSE DURING THIS MONTH OF JUNE. MY DEPARTMENT  
22 INCLUDES THE DEPARTMENT OF ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES, WHICH  
23 ALONG WITH THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TEAM THAT THE SUPERVISOR  
24 MENTIONED, AS WELL AS THE COLLABORATING DEPARTMENTS, FIGHT  
25 AGAINST ABUSE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I AM PLEASED TO ALSO



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1 INTRODUCE TO YOU SOME OF OUR ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES SOCIAL  
2 WORKERS. AND WE HAVE 7 OF THEM WITH US TODAY. WE HAVE ABOUT  
3 150 IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, NOT NEARLY ENOUGH TO ATTACK THE  
4 PROBLEM AS WE SEE IT. WE HAVE RLYNN SMITH THOMAS, SILMA  
5 SANDOVAL. CARMEN ROJAS. MAYA SALINAS, ARNISHA KENDRICK,  
6 FRANCISCO VEGA AND ARMEN ADZHEMYAN. LAST YEAR, OUR ADULT  
7 PROTECTIVE SERVICES RECEIVED A RECORD NUMBER OF REFERRALS OF  
8 ABUSE AND NEGLECT, NEARLY 40,000 CASES. WE KNOW THAT WE ARE  
9 ONLY REACHING THE TIP OF THE ICEBERG. NATIONAL STUDIES  
10 CONSISTENTLY DEMONSTRATE THAT ONLY 1 IN 23 CASES OF ABUSE ARE  
11 ACTUALLY REPORTED. GIVEN THE MAGNITUDE AND COMPLEXITY OF THIS  
12 ISSUE, IT TRULY TAKES A VILLAGE. I AM THRILLED TO BE JOINED  
13 TODAY BY OTHER DEPARTMENT HEADS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER  
14 AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS, MENTAL HEALTH, AND PUBLIC SOCIAL  
15 SERVICES. THESE DEPARTMENTS PLAY VITAL ROLES IN THE COUNTY'S  
16 EFFORTS TO RESPOND TO AND PREVENT OLDER AND ELDER AND  
17 DEPENDENT ADULT ABUSE. MANY THANKS TO THE ADDITIONAL COUNTY  
18 AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS THAT ARE HERE IN THE AUDIENCE TODAY.  
19 RAISED AWARENESS IS NECESSARY TO PREVENT ABUSE AND TO ENSURE  
20 THAT EVERY ABUSE VICTIM IS ASSISTED AND GIVEN A VOICE. THAT IS  
21 WHY THIS MONTH THE DEPARTMENT OF JOINING THE CALIFORNIA  
22 ASSOCIATION OF AREA AGENCIES ON AGING AND MANY OTHER PARTNERS  
23 INCLUDING THE STATE ASSOCIATION OF DISTRICT ATTORNEYS TO  
24 LAUNCH A MONTH LONG AWARENESS CAMPAIGN. WE ENCOURAGE ALL OF  
25 YOU, AS SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS INDICATED, TO VISIT OUR



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1 INFORMATIONAL BOOTH THAT IS SET UP IN GRANT PARK RIGHT OUTSIDE  
2 THE HALL OF ADMINISTRATION AND ALSO TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THIS  
3 EVENING, THE LIGHTS IN THE FOUNTAIN IN GRANT PARK WILL BE  
4 PURPLE IN RECOGNITION OF THIS MONTH. IF EACH OF US ARE WILLING  
5 TO DO OUR PART, TAKE ACTION, ONE PERSON AT A TIME, OUR COUNTY  
6 WILL BECOME UNIFIED IN WORKING TO RAISE AWARENESS AND TO ERASE  
7 ELDER AND DEPENDENT ABUSE. [APPLAUSE.]

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THAT CONCLUDES OUR  
10 PRESENTATION. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, I'LL ASK THAT YOU JOIN US  
11 AS WE TAKE OUR TRADITIONAL PHOTO IN HONOR OF ELDER AND  
12 DEPENDENT ADULT ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH. TO ALL THE DEPARTMENT  
13 HEADS, WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRESENCE AND PARTICIPATION. DON?

14

15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. MEMBERS, WE ARE GOING TO TAKE  
16 UP ITEM P-1 AND ITEM 19, FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT, AND-- HOLD ON  
17 A MINUTE. YES. MEMBERS, LET ME WITHDRAW THAT. WE'RE GOING TO  
18 DO MULTIPLE SPEAKERS AND THEN WE'LL GO THROUGH THIS REALLY  
19 QUICK. AND THEN WE'LL DO FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT. AS YOU CAN  
20 SEE, WE'RE VERY BUSY TODAY. SO WITH THAT, WE'LL CALL UP  
21 MICHELE HANISEE, ITEM NO. 13. THAT ITEM'S BEEN HELD. DR.  
22 GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL HAS HELD ITEM 1, 2, 13, 26, 28, 33, 38, 39,  
23 40 AND 41. ERIC PREVEN HAS HELD ITEM 1-D, 2-D, 3-D, 1-H, 2, 3,  
24 4, 11, 12, 23, 29, 31, 33, 38, 39, 41, 52, 54, 65 AND 70. AND  
25 ARNOLD SACHS HAS HELD ITEM 3-D, 1-H, 1, 2, 9, 23, 25, 26, 40,



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1 50, 54 AND 57. SO PLEASE COME UP IN THAT ORDER. AND STATE YOUR  
2 NAME FOR THE RECORD. YES, MA'AM.

3

4 **MICHELE HANISEE:** MEMBERS, MY NAME IS MICHELE HANISEE. I'M  
5 PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION OF DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEYS FOR  
6 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND I CAME TO DISCUSS THE GOVERNOR'S  
7 PUBLIC SAFETY AND REHABILITATION ACT, WHICH IN THE HISTORY OF  
8 DECEPTIVELY NAMED BALLOT INITIATIVES HAS TO TAKE THE CAKE.  
9 RATHER THAN BEING CALLED THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND REHABILITATION  
10 ACT, THE GOVERNOR'S INITIATIVE SHOULD BE CALLED THE EARLY  
11 RELEASE OF DANGEROUS FELONS ACT, BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT IT DOES.  
12 THE ADDITION OF THE PROPOSED SECTION 32 TO THE CALIFORNIA  
13 CONSTITUTION WOULD UNDO 30 YEARS OF SAFE STREETS AND VICTIMS'  
14 RIGHTS LAWS AND COMPLETELY UNDERMINE THE DISCRETION OF JUDGES  
15 TO DETERMINE APPROPRIATE SENTENCES. SECTION 32-A-1 WOULD ALLOW  
16 FELONS WHO USED ASSAULT WEAPONS IN THE COMMISSION OF CRIMES OR  
17 WHO INFLICTED GREAT BODILY INJURY ON THEIR VICTIMS TO BE  
18 PAROLED AT THE SAME TIME AS THOSE WHO DID NOT. MOREOVER,  
19 DESPITE THE LANGUAGE THAT SUGGESTS EARLY RELEASE WOULD ONLY  
20 APPLY TO, QUOTE, NONVIOLENT FELONIES, THE TRUTH THAT FEW  
21 VOTERS UNSCHOOLED IN STATUTORY CONSTRUCTION WILL UNDERSTAND,  
22 IS THAT THOSE EARLY RELEASE RULES WILL ALSO APPLY TO CRIMES  
23 SUCH AS RAPE OF AN UNCONSCIOUS PERSON, LIKE THE STANFORD RAPE  
24 CASE, SHOOTING A GUN INTO AN OCCUPIED BUILDING OR CAR, OR  
25 EXPLODING A BOMB WITH INTENT TO CAUSE INJURY. THOSE ARE JUST A



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1 FEW OF THE MANY CRIMES THAT WOULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR EARLY PAROLE  
2 RELEASE UNDER 32-A-1. AND IF THE PUBLIC IS OUTRAGED ABOUT THE  
3 LOW SENTENCING IN THE STANFORD RAPE CASE WHICH A COURT, A  
4 HEARING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC BY A JUDGE ELECTED BY THE CITIZENS,  
5 THE EARLY RELEASES UNDER THIS INITIATIVE WILL NOT BE PUBLIC.  
6 THEY WILL NOT BE OPEN TO THE MEDIA, AND THEY'LL BE MADE BY A  
7 PAROLE BOARD APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR. NOT ONLY IS THE EARLY  
8 RELEASE NOT LIMITED TO NON-VIOLENT FELONIES, THE PROPOSED  
9 SECTION 32-A-2 WOULD APPLY TO ALL FELONIES. IT DOESN'T USE THE  
10 TERM NONVIOLENT AND IT REQUIRES, NOT PERMITS, BUT REQUIRES  
11 PRISONS TO GIVE EARLY RELEASE CREDIT TO ALL INMATES. BEAR IN  
12 MIND THAT AFTER THE PASSAGE OF A.B.109, THE TRUE NONVIOLENT  
13 OFFENDERS LIKE NARCOTICS TRAFFICKERS ARE BEING HOUSED IN  
14 COUNTY JAIL. WHAT'S LEFT IN THE PRISON ARE THE VIOLENT  
15 OFFENDERS AND CHILD MOLESTERS AND THIS REQUIRES THE DEPARTMENT  
16 OF CORRECTIONS TO GIVE THEM EARLY RELEASE CREDITS FOR APPROVED  
17 ACTIVITIES WHICH UNDER C.D.C.R. REGULATIONS CAN INCLUDE P.E.,  
18 PHYSICAL EXERCISE. AND I DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW ANYONE WHO  
19 SUPPORTS GUN CONTROL COULD SUPPORT THIS INITIATIVE WHICH  
20 REMOVES ALL ADDITIONAL PENALTIES FOR USE OF A GUN. THIS  
21 INITIATIVE, WITHOUT EVER ADDRESSING CONFLICTS WITH OTHER LAWS,  
22 AS ANY WELL WRITTEN LEGISLATION SHOULD, CUTS OFF MARSY'S LAW,  
23 THE VICTIM'S BILL OF RIGHTS AT THE KNEES. IT DOES EXACTLY WHAT  
24 MARSY'S LAW PROHIBITS, IT LETS DANGEROUS CRIMINALS GO FREE FOR  
25 NO OTHER PURPOSE THAN TO SAVE MONEY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.



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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER.

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4 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, IT'S ERIC PREVEN FROM THE THIRD DISTRICT.

5 I'M NOT SURE WHICH ITEM THAT WAS, BUT OF COURSE THAT IS OF  
6 GREAT INTEREST. I READ AN ARTICLE IF WE'RE GOING TO GO FREE  
7 FORM, OR IS THAT A SPECIAL ITEM? IS THAT AN ITEM?

8

9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NO.

10

11 **ERIC PREVEN:** JUST A GENERAL POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENT, 13, OKAY  
12 THANK YOU. I APPRECIATE THAT. I DIDN'T QUITE GET THAT. I AM  
13 GOING TO SKIP MY POLITICAL COMMENT AND ACTUALLY MOVE FORWARD  
14 WITH THE AGENDA'D ITEMS. ITEM 1-H AND 3-D REPRESENT COMMUNITY  
15 DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION HOUSING AUTHORITY'S BUDGET. IT'S ABOUT  
16 \$445,000, IF I GOT IT CORRECT, \$465,000. AND THAT ALWAYS  
17 REQUIRES A LITTLE BIT OF MONITORING TO MAKE SURE THE  
18 ADMINISTRATIVE FEES ARE NOT GETTING TOO HIGH AS WE'VE SEEN IN  
19 THE PAST. THERE ARE EXAMPLES OF THAT. ITEM NO. 2, THANKS TO  
20 SUPERVISOR KNABE AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL WHO'S MADE AN AMENDING  
21 MOTION, IS HAVING A LOOK-SEE AT THE JOB ORDER CONTRACT  
22 PROGRAM, WHICH IS-- SUPERVISOR HAMAI'S EXCUSED HERSELF. I'VE  
23 BEEN YELLING ABOUT IT FOR APPROXIMATELY THREE OR FOUR YEARS.  
24 SO I'M GLAD THAT LONG BEACH CITY AUDITOR MADE A FINDING AND  
25 NOW THE CITY IS LOOKING CLOSELY AT WHAT WE CAN DO TO MAKE SURE





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1 WE ARE DOING BETTER. WE ARE DOING BETTER THAN LONG BEACH WAS  
2 DOING, SO WE CAN REST SLIGHTLY ASSURED THERE BUT WE HAVE A LOT  
3 OF WORK TO DO AND I LOOK FORWARD TO THAT. ITEM NO. 23 ALWAYS  
4 BUMS ME OUT BECAUSE HERE IS A GROUP CALLED P.W.S. WORLD  
5 HEADQUARTERS L.C. THAT SOUNDS LIKE PRICE WATERHOUSE COOPERS  
6 IT'S NOT. IT'S A GUY NAMED BRAD OR SOMEBODY STEINBERG. HE  
7 SPELLS IT TWO DIFFERENT WAYS. HE'S GOT ANOTHER NAMED BRAD,  
8 TOO, AS HIS PARTNER. THIS SMELLS TO HIGH HEAVEN, BECAUSE WHAT  
9 THIS IS, FRANKLY, IS A GROUP TAKING OVER AND HELPING OUT WITH  
10 A NEW LIBRARY. IF I HAVE IT CORRECT, IT'S NOT A NEW LIBRARY  
11 IT'S AN OLD LIBRARY. WE'RE JUST PAYING SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN  
12 RENT BECAUSE THE PROPERTY OWNER GOT INVOLVED AND WE'VE  
13 ADJUSTED IT. THIS IS NOT A GREAT DEAL FOR THE PUBLIC. THE GUY  
14 GETS ENTITLED TO SOMETHING FAIR BUT THE COUNTY SHOULD BE  
15 THINKING, HEY, WHY ARE WE DOING LIBRARIES IN PLACES WHERE  
16 WE'RE GOING TO BE JACKED UP THE RENT AS OPPOSED TO AND WHY ARE  
17 WE DOING A COURTHOUSE AT 600 COMMONWEALTH, MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS,  
18 WHERE WE'RE PAYING JAMISON A HUGE AMOUNT OF RENT WHEN ALL THAT  
19 MONEY COULD BE BETTER DEPLOYED IF IT WERE INVESTED PROPERLY IN  
20 THESE ITEMS? ITEM NO. I BELIEVE 32 IS VANIR CONSTRUCTION. ONCE  
21 AGAIN THANKS TO THE D.A. THERE FOR A MOMENT ABOUT ALL THAT  
22 JAIL STUFF, WE'VE GOT THIS SAME GROUP IS GETTING AN INCREASE  
23 OF \$1.25 MILLION FOR A TOTAL \$6.8 MILLION OVER 66 MONTHS. THIS  
24 IS THE GROUP THAT RAISED UP A GREAT REPORT SAYING, BUILD A  
25 HUGE JAIL QUICK. AND EVERYBODY WAS LIKE, WHAT? THAT IS INSANE.



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1 AND EVERYONE THOUGHT, HEY, IS THIS A.E.C.O.M. OR SOME KIND OF  
2 A SLEEVE OF THAT GROUP. IT'S NOT. A DIFFERENT GROUP. BUT NOW  
3 IN THIS CASE, THEY'RE ENTITLED TO MERGE. THIS IS AN I.S.D.  
4 CONTRACT WITH THAT SAME GROUP. ITEM NO. 31, THE AUDITOR-  
5 CONTROLLER IS DOING A JOB ORDER CONTRACT. THAT'S THE KIND OF  
6 CONTRACTING THAT WE ARE GOING TO HEAR MORE ABOUT. HOPEFULLY  
7 THE L.A. TIMES WILL JUMP ONTO THE "DAILY NEWS" AND THE "LONG  
8 BEACH TELEGRAM" AND EXPLORE WHAT HAS BEEN GOING ON AND WHAT  
9 CAN BE GOING ON TO MAKE THIS REASONABLE PROCESS FAIRER AND  
10 MORE TRANSPARENT. AND GAIL FARBER I'VE ASKED TO TAKE A LEADING  
11 ROLE BUT SHE'S OUT TODAY.

12

13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER.

14

15 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD MORNING. ARNOLD SACHS. AND  
16 THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME OUT OF YOUR BUSY DAY TO ALLOW US  
17 THIS 3 MINUTES TO DISCUSS THE 70 ITEMS ON YOUR AGENDA. I, TOO,  
18 HELD ITEMS 3-D AND 1-H BUT NOT FOR THE REASONS GIVEN. 3-D  
19 REFERS TO THE BUDGET WHICH INCLUDES \$335 MILLION IN HOUSING  
20 AUTHORITY FUNDS. 1-H APPROVED THE SAME AMOUNT, THE 2016/'17  
21 BUDGET OF \$335 MILLION BUT THE TOTAL IS MADE UP OF REVENUES  
22 AND EXPENDITURES. SO IF IT'S THE TOTAL OF REVENUES AND  
23 EXPENDITURES, IT'S NOT A BUDGET OF \$335 MILLION. NOW, HERE'S A  
24 BUDGET FROM METRO THAT I TALKED ABOUT THAT WAS IN THE  
25 NEWSPAPER FROM THE WEEKEND EDITION OF THE WATTS TIMES ABOUT



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1 PROP A AND PROP C WHERE THE REVENUES, \$746 MILLION, AND THE  
2 EXPENDITURES \$286 MILLION. WOULD THAT MADE THE BUDGET \$100  
3 MILLION? NO. THE BUDGET WOULD BE REGARDING THE REVENUES. SO  
4 HOW DO YOU GET A REVENUE BUDGET OF \$335 MILLION TURNED INTO  
5 REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES. THAT'S THAT FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY  
6 AT THE COUNTY THAT WE HEAR ABOUT SO OFTEN. NUMBER 1 YOU'RE  
7 STILL APPROVING THE REDEVELOPMENT OVERSIGHT BOARDS. SO I'D  
8 LIKE TO ASK JUST OUT OF CURIOSITY, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH HAD  
9 AN AGENDA ITEM, A MOTION BACK IN JANUARY 15, 2013 REGARDING  
10 REDEVELOPMENT FUNDS. APPROXIMATELY \$450 MILLION ANNUALLY IN  
11 ADDITIONAL REVENUES FROM WHAT'S COMING TO THE COUNTY. WHAT'S  
12 GOING ON WITH THE \$450 MILLION, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH? COULD  
13 YOU TELL US. ITEM 9 REFERS TO A 13-MONTH GRANT OF \$4,500 TO  
14 THE PUBLIC LIBRARY. THAT'S \$345 A MONTH, VIS A VIS. NO. 23  
15 REFERS ALSO TO THE PUBLIC LIBRARY, AND PROVIDES A LIST OF  
16 SOURCES TO PAY FOR THE RENTAL, PROPERTY TAXES, VOTER APPROVED  
17 SPECIAL TAXES, COUNTY GENERAL FUNDS. ISN'T THAT MONEY THAT  
18 COMES FROM PROPERTY TAXES? UTILITY TAXES AND OTHER SOURCES.  
19 WHAT ARE THOSE OTHER SOURCES? ITEM 26, REVOLVING CREDIT  
20 AGREEMENT WITH M.L.K. ABOUT \$40 MILLION. ITEM 56 IS A PARKING  
21 STRUCTURE WORTH \$43 MILLION IN COMMERCIAL PAPER APPEAL. DO YOU  
22 SEE THAT CONNECTION THERE? ITEM 56 IS A REVISION TO THE COUNTY  
23 POLICY REGARDING-- ALLOWING DESIGN BUILD PROJECTS. THAT'S  
24 PRETTY LUCKY BECAUSE ITEM 56 AND 57 ON TODAY'S AGENDA REFER TO  
25 DESIGN BUILD PROJECTS. IT'S A GOOD THING YOU'RE CHANGING THAT



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1 POLICY. AND THIS IS A COMIC I TALKED ABOUT LAST WEEK. WHO IS  
2 JUNIPER SERRA? IT SAYS, THE SAINT, THE COUNTRY'S FIRST  
3 HISPANIC SAINT, AND THE IMPRESSOR OF CALIFORNIA NATIVES.

4

5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** TIME'S EXPIRED. NEXT SPEAKER.

6

7 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING. DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL.  
8 IT IS, YOU KNOW, KIND OF VERY DISTURBING TO HAVE ONLY THREE  
9 MINUTES TO SPEAK TO 75 ITEMS. ONE OF THE MAIN THINGS I WILL  
10 POINT OUT THAT MANY OF THE ITEMS I HAVE HELD ARE SOLE- VENDOR  
11 CONTRACTS. I'M GETTING TIRED AND SICK OF SOLE- VENDOR  
12 CONTRACTS. EVERY WEEK WE HAVE THOSE COMING THROUGH. THAT'S  
13 ASININE. WE HAVE A COUNTY WITH 10 MILLION PEOPLE. TO HAVE  
14 SOLE-VENDOR CONTRACTS IS BEYOND OUR COMPREHENSION. IN THE  
15 PAST, WE HAVE STOPPED THAT, BUT SINCE WE HAVE THAT NEW REFORM  
16 BOARD, THAT'S ALL WE CAN DO, SOLE-VENDOR CONTRACTS. THAT NEEDS  
17 TO HOME. AND I HOPE THAT IN THIS COUNTY, WE HAVE SOME  
18 JOURNALISTS WHO START LOOKING AT THAT. ITEM 2, TALKING ABOUT  
19 THE JOB ORDER CONTRACTS, ARE PRETTY SCARY AND I'M SO GLAD  
20 SUPERVISOR KNABE ASKED TO LOOK AT THAT LITTLE ISSUE. AND OTHER  
21 ITEM, WE HAVE M.L.K. ITEM 26. GUESS WHAT? AGAIN WE ARE MOVING  
22 THE TIME ON M.L.K. HEALTH FOUNDATION HAVE TO PAY FOR THEIR  
23 LEASE. THEY ARE EXTENDING FROM JUNE TO DECEMBER. THEY HAVE NOT  
24 PAID NOTHING. LAST YEAR WE GIVE \$400 MILLION TO M.L.K. THEN A  
25 FEW MONTHS AGO WE GOT A BOND OF \$300 MILLION. THEN TODAY, ONE



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1 FOR \$44 MILLION, ONE FOR \$40 MILLION. THE MONEY FOR THE  
2 PARKING LOT WAS ALREADY ALLOCATED. SO I THINK YOU NEED TO  
3 REALLY TAKE A LOOK AT THAT. I WANT TO KNOW HOW MUCH MONEY  
4 M.L.K. HEALTH FOUNDATION HAVE RAISED UP TO TODAY, NOT COUNTING  
5 WHAT THE COUNTY HAS GIVEN IT. IT'S ABSURD. WE HAVE ALMOST  
6 GIVEN \$1 BILLION, AND THE EXCUSE THEY HAVE, OH, WE NEED TO  
7 POSTPONE THE LEASE AND SO ON, BECAUSE WE WON'T HAVE MONEY TO  
8 GIVE THE CARE TO THE PATIENTS. SOMETHING IS WRONG WITH THAT  
9 PICTURE. AND THEN WE HAVE THOSE WONDERFUL ITEMS 40 AND 41 FOR  
10 WONDERFUL DR. KATZ. WE ARE INCREASING BY MORE THAN \$1 MILLION  
11 AGAIN THE MONEY FOR O.R.C.H.I.D. AND GARTNER. AND ALSO ONE OF  
12 THE OTHER SOLE VENDORS IS A COMPANY WHERE MR. DR. KATZ WAS  
13 WORKING AS A CONSULTANT. ISN'T THAT A CONFLICT AS A SOLE  
14 VENDOR? YES, WE BROUGHT IT BACK MANY, MANY TIMES. THAT HAS TO  
15 STOP. THIS COUNTY IS STARTING TO BE RUN LIKE-DRUNKEN SAILORS.  
16 THAT'S AN INSULT TO THE SAILORS.

17

18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE HAVE ONE MORE SPEAKER, SOFIA  
19 QUINONES ON ITEM NO. 38. AFTERWARDS WE HAVE RUTH SARNOFF WHO'S  
20 HELD ITEMS 3-D AND 1-H. YES, MA'AM.

21

22 **SOFIA QUINONES:** MY NAME IS SOFIA QUINONES AND I RISE AGAINST  
23 THIS MOTION BECAUSE IT ENABLES THE GENOCIDE AND TORTURE OF THE  
24 MENTALLY ILL. THIS MOTION DEMONSTRATES HOW THE COUNTY OF LOS  
25 ANGELES SANCTIONS AND ENABLES THE JIM CROW MUNICIPAL CODES



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1 THAT WERE PASSED BY THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, WHICH VIOLATES  
2 THE CONVENTION AGAINST TORTURE AND OTHER CRUEL AND INHUMANE,  
3 DEGRADING TREATMENT OR PUNISHMENT. IT ALSO SANCTIONS AND  
4 ENABLES THE UNETHICAL EXPERIMENTATION, THAT VIOLATES THE  
5 MEDICAL ETHICS AS THE NUREMBURG COURTS AND THE DECLARATION OF  
6 HELSINKI. THIS IS A CULTURE OF HUMAN DEGRADATION WHEN YOU  
7 CONTINUE TO HOLD MENTAL PATIENTS AND DETAIN THEM INDEFINITELY.  
8 THIS IS TORTURE. THEY SHOULD NOT BE HELD IN JAIL. THEY SHOULD  
9 BE HELD IN MENTAL FACILITIES. BUT BECAUSE WE HAVE A CULTURE  
10 THAT PUTS PEOPLE WHO ARE MENTALLY ILL IN JAIL, THIS IS  
11 SOMETHING THAT IS JUST MIND BOGGLING AND I HAVE TO RISE TO SAY  
12 WE DON'T NEED TO TREAT PEOPLE IN PRISON BECAUSE THEY'RE  
13 MENTALLY ILL. WE NEED THEM OUT OF PRISON. I'VE SPOKEN IN THE  
14 PAST. BUT THE MUNICIPAL CODES THAT WERE PASSED BY THE CITY OF  
15 LOS ANGELES VIOLATE THEIR HUMAN RIGHTS THEIR DIGNITY AND WE AS  
16 A CULTURE WE COME HERE AND SAY, OH, LOOK WHAT HAPPENED IN  
17 FLORIDA TODAY. DO YOU KNOW WHAT? LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING IN SKID  
18 ROW. IN OUR OWN BACKYARD WE ARE PUTTING PEOPLE AWAY THAT  
19 SHOULD NOT BE IN PRISON. THEY SHOULD BE IN MENTAL FACILITIES.  
20 AND, YOU KNOW, I'M TOTALLY UPSET WITH THIS BOARD. AND I THINK  
21 YOU ALL SHOULD BE TRIED IN THE HAGUE FOR TORTURE BECAUSE  
22 YOU'RE ENABLING A CULTURE OF TORTURE. [APPLAUSE.] YOU PROVIDE  
23 MENTAL SERVICES IN L.A. COUNTY JAIL, THAT'S UNACCEPTABLE. THEY  
24 NEED TO BE PUT IN FACILITIES OUTSIDE OF THE JAIL. AND I DON'T  
25 KNOW WHY YOU GUYS KEEP GETTING IT WRONG. BUT THIS HAS TO STOP.





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1 AND I JUST HAD TO STAND UP AND RISE AGAINST THIS MOTION. THANK  
2 YOU FOR YOUR TIME. [APPLAUSE]

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4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER. PLEASE REFRAIN FROM  
5 CLAPPING. YOU CAN RAISE THE ROOF. THAT'S THE PROTOCOL. THANK  
6 YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

7

8 **RUTH SARNOFF:** RUTH SARNOFF. I'M TRYING TO UNDERSTAND THE  
9 RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN R-1 AND 19. I AM PREPARED TO SPEAK A BIT  
10 ON THE ISSUES RAISED IN 19. IT SEEMS TO ME THAT WE NEED TO  
11 FIND A WAY TO CLUSTER POVERTY ISSUES TOGETHER WHEN THERE'S  
12 THIS KIND OF ISSUES COMING UP SO THAT THE PUBLIC CAN BETTER  
13 UNDERSTAND, HEY, WE'RE TALKING ABOUT POVERTY AND WE'RE TALKING  
14 ABOUT SOLUTIONS FOR SMALLER DEVELOPMENT FOR--

15

16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** RUTH, YOU PULLED ITEMS 3-D AND 1-H.  
17 THAT'S WHAT WE'RE ON.

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19 **RUTH SARNOFF:** I NEVER PULLED 3-B. I PULLED R-1 AND H-1 OR  
20 MEANT TO.

21

22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE'LL CALL YOU UP ON P-1 WHEN THAT  
23 COMES UP AFTER WE'RE CONCLUDED WITH ALL THIS, OKAY?

24

25 **RUTH SARNOFF:** WHAT IS IT AGAIN?



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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YOU PULLED UP 3-D AND 1-H. YOU CAN  
3 SPEAK TO THOSE ITEMS AND THEN P-1, YOU CAN COME UP AFTERWARDS  
4 BECAUSE THAT WAS AN ITEM THAT WAS HELD AND THERE WILL BE  
5 PEOPLE SPEAKING ON THAT, OKAY?

6

7 **RUTH SARNOFF:** I'M CONFUSED RIGHT NOW SO CAN I JUST SPEAK  
8 LATER?

9

10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NO PROBLEM. THAT'S WHAT I HAD NOTED.

11

12 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** MADAME CHAIR, THE FOLLOWING ITEMS  
13 ARE BEFORE YOU. ITEM 1-D, 2-D, 3-D, 1-H, 1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 11,  
14 12, 13, 23, 25, 26, 28, 29, 31, 33, 38, 39, 40, 41, 50, 52,  
15 54, 57, 65, 66, 70. AND ON ITEM 44, THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL  
16 HEALTH ASKS THAT THIS BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO JUNE 21, 2016  
17 INSTEAD OF TWO WEEKS.

18

19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THOSE ITEMS ARE BEFORE US. THOSE  
20 ITEMS ARE MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL. SECONDED WITHOUT  
21 OBJECTION. THANK YOU. SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER. MEMBERS, NOW  
22 WE'RE GOING TO TAKE UP ITEMS P-1 AND 19, THE FINANCIAL  
23 EMPOWERMENT AND WE'LL BEGIN WITH SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

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1    **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. THIS IS INNOVATIVE  
2    AND I'M VERY PROUD TO BRING THIS TOGETHER WITH YOURSELF BEFORE  
3    THE BOARD TODAY. I THINK MANY PEOPLE MAY BE AWARE OF THOSE  
4    STATISTICS THAT GO INTO IT THAT MADE US THINK OF IT, BUT WE'VE  
5    BEEN TALKING OVER THE YEAR ABOUT HOW THE COUNTY PROVIDES A  
6    SAFETY NET, A SAFETY NET AND MORE SAFETY NET, LIKE WE'RE  
7    STANDING UNDER A BRIDGE WAITING FOR PEOPLE TO FALL OFF. AND WE  
8    STARTED HAVING A DISCUSSION ABOUT MAYBE WE COULD HELP PEOPLE  
9    NOT FALL OFF THE BRIDGE. AND THAT'S REALLY WHERE THIS NEXT  
10   STEP HAS COME FROM. 15 PERCENT OF ALL OF OUR 10 MILLION PEOPLE  
11   LIVE BELOW THE POVERTY LEVEL. WHICH IS \$24,000 OF EARNINGS A  
12   YEAR, GROSS EARNINGS, FOR A FAMILY OF FOUR. BUT 50 PERCENT OF  
13   ALL THE PEOPLE IN THE COUNTY ARE LIQUID ASSET POOR,  
14   FINANCIALLY VULNERABLE. THAT MEANS THEY LACK ENOUGH SAVINGS TO  
15   LIVE ABOVE THE POVERTY LEVEL FOR EVEN AS MUCH AS THREE MONTHS  
16   SHOULD THEY HAPPEN TO LOSE THEIR JOB. MANY WITH LOW-WAGE JOBS  
17   ARE UNABLE TO MEET THEIR BASIC LIVING NEEDS, LIKE FOOD AND  
18   HOUSING AND CHILDCARE, LET ALONE SET ASIDE ANY MONEY FOR  
19   EMERGENCIES OR SAVE FOR A BUSINESS OR EDUCATION OR A HOME. AND  
20   LOS ANGELES IS THE UNITED STATES' THIRD LEAST BANKED REGION.  
21   THAT MEANS 28 PERCENT OF THE PEOPLE IN THE COUNTY DON'T USE A  
22   BANK. NO CHECKING ACCOUNT. NO SAVINGS ACCOUNT. OR THEY'RE  
23   UNDERBANKED. THEY HAVE AN ACCOUNT, BUT THEY USE ALTERNATIVE  
24   AND USURIOUS FINANCIAL SERVICES LIKE CHECK CASHING STORES OR  
25   PAYDAY LENDERS. AND 75 PERCENT OF ALL THE CHECK CASHING



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1 STORES, NOT SURPRISINGLY, ARE IN LOW-INCOME OR MODERATE INCOME  
2 NEIGHBORHOODS. THIS MEANS THAT OUR RESIDENTS IN THE COUNTY PAY  
3 ABOUT \$142 MILLION A YEAR IN CHECK CASHING FEES OR LOAN FEES.  
4 IN ADDITION, THERE'S A LOT THEY DON'T KNOW ABOUT WHAT THEY  
5 COULD GET, LIKE THE EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT. DON'T KNOW TO  
6 CLAIM IT. AND THERE WAS AN ESTIMATE THAT \$370 MILLION IN  
7 EARNED INCOME TAX CREDITS WERE LEFT ON THE TABLE JUST BY THE  
8 RESIDENTS OF OUR COUNTY. THERE ARE OTHER CITIES THAT HAVE  
9 ESTABLISHED THIS KIND OF SERVICE. SAN FRANCISCO INDICATES THAT  
10 THEY'VE HELPED MORE THAN 75,000 UNBANKED SAN FRANCISCANS. IN  
11 SAN FRANCISCO, MORE THAN 22,000 PEOPLE STARTED SAVING FOR  
12 COLLEGE. SO THIS CENTER FOR FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT, WHICH WILL  
13 BE HOUSED WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS  
14 AFFAIRS, WILL COORDINATE A NUMBER OF PROGRAMS WE ALREADY HAVE,  
15 BUT THEY'RE QUITE SORT OF FRACTURED AND NOT RELATED TO EACH  
16 OTHER ACROSS THE COUNTY, AS WELL AS SERVE AS A COLLABORATING  
17 HUB FOR A NETWORK OF NONPROFITS. SEVERAL PEOPLE ARE GOING TO  
18 TELL US WHAT THIS WILL DO. AND I WANT TO SAY THAT I'M VERY,  
19 VERY GRATEFUL TO THOSE WHO HAVE PUT IT TOGETHER INSIDE THE  
20 COUNTY, ON MY STAFF, AND OUTSIDE THE COUNTY. THANK YOU, MADAME  
21 CHAIR.

22

23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I ALSO WANT TO COMMEND YOUR WORK AND  
24 YOUR STAFF AND ALL THE FOLKS THAT HAVE PUT FORWARD THEIR  
25 EFFORTS TO BEGIN THIS DISCUSSION ON FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT,



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1 SOMETHING SO EXTREMELY IMPORTANT FOR THE ENTIRE COUNTY. AND I  
2 ESPECIALLY WANT TO THANK BRIAN STIGER FOR BEING A BIG PART OF  
3 THIS AND SHOWING HIS LEADERSHIP ONCE AGAIN. SOMETIMES WE THINK  
4 ABOUT THINGS WE WANT TO DO, BUT YOU HELP TO MAKE THEM HAPPEN.  
5 AND WE'RE SO HAPPY TO KNOW THAT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES IS  
6 MOVING IN THE DIRECTION WHERE WE'RE ACTUALLY NOT JUST  
7 INTERNALIZING THESE DREAMS BUT YOU'RE MAKING THEM HAPPEN AND  
8 YOU'RE HELPING US IMPLEMENT THEM. SO I I'M JUST PROUD TO BE A  
9 PART OF THIS. I KNOW HOW IMPORTANT THIS IS FOR THE INDIVIDUALS  
10 THAT I REPRESENT IN MY DISTRICT. THEY ARE HEAVILY DEPENDENT,  
11 UNFORTUNATELY, ON MANY OF THESE CASH CHECKING INSTITUTIONS  
12 THAT CHARGE THEM OUTRAGEOUS INTEREST RATES. AND INDIVIDUALS  
13 THEN BECOME BEHOLDEN TO THOSE TYPES OF SCHEMES THAT ACTUALLY  
14 TAKE AWAY THE PURCHASING POWER THAT THEY COULD OTHERWISE HAVE  
15 AND SHARE WITH THEIR FAMILIES. JUST LAST WEEK I MET WITH A  
16 GROUP OF MERCHANTS IN WHITTIER BOULEVARD IN EAST L.A. AND MANY  
17 ARE STRUGGLING. THEY'RE NOT MAKING THE KINDS OF PROFITS THAT  
18 YOU THINK MOST BUSINESSES SHOULD BE MAKING. IT'S HARD. IN MANY  
19 WAYS THEY DON'T KNOW WHERE TO GO FOR OTHER SUPPORT, FOR  
20 LENDING. IN FACT, MANY OF THEM I KNOW WOULD QUALIFY FOR THE  
21 EARNED- INCOME TAX CREDIT. AND MANY ARE NOT AWARE OF IT. SO  
22 OUR JOB, AS I SEE IT, IS TO HELP EMPOWER THEM, GIVE THEM  
23 INFORMATION, BUT NOT JUST TO MY DISTRICT, TO THE WHOLE COUNTY.  
24 AND ESPECIALLY I'M VERY PLEASED THAT THIS INITIATIVE IS  
25 FOCUSING IN ON YOUNG PEOPLE, BECAUSE YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE TO



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1 LEARN, ESPECIALLY IN OUR HIGH SCHOOLS AND EVEN JUNIOR HIGHS,  
2 THE IMPORTANCE OF SAVINGS, ESTABLISHING A CHECKING ACCOUNT AND  
3 LEARNING WHAT THE POWER OF THAT DOLLAR IS TO PUT AWAY FOR A  
4 RAINY DAY OR FOR IMPORTANT ESSENTIALS. I DO WANT TO SAY THAT I  
5 KNOW WE HAVE MANY OF OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS THAT ARE WORKING  
6 ON THIS. I UNDERSTAND THERE ARE 14 DEPARTMENTS TOGETHER THAT  
7 OFFER 46 UNIQUE FINANCIAL LITERACY-RELATED PROGRAMS. THAT'S A  
8 WHOLE LOT. BUT I'M NOT QUITE SURE EVERYONE REALLY GETS IT. SO  
9 IF WE CAN WEAVE THAT TOGETHER THROUGH YOUR HELP, I'M SURE IT'S  
10 GOING TO HELP EMPOWER US ALL. AGAIN, I JUST WANT TO SAY IT'S A  
11 PLEASURE AND HONOR TO BE A PART OF THIS EFFORT TODAY BECAUSE  
12 THE COUNTY IS REALLY PUSHING OUT, I THINK, WHAT IS MOST  
13 IMPORTANT, THAT'S EMPOWERING OUR CONSTITUENTS. SO THANK YOU  
14 VERY MUCH. WE HAVE A NUMBER OF SPEAKERS. YES, SUPERVISOR  
15 RIDLEY-THOMAS.

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17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** SIMPLY SHOUT OUT TO SUPERVISOR SHEILA  
18 KUEHL FOR THE LEADERSHIP AND CO-AUTHORSHIP OF THE CHAIR. A  
19 COUPLE QUESTIONS WILL SUFFICE. THE FIRST IS, WOULD THE CENTER  
20 FOR FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT INVESTIGATE FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT  
21 SERVICE OPTIONS SUCH AS STATE-OF-THE-ART MOBILE BANKING  
22 SYSTEMS USED IN OTHER PLACES AND VENDING CIRCLES SUCH AS SAN  
23 FRANCISCO, FOR EXAMPLE, IS NOT MAYBE WORTH EXPLORATION, THINK  
24 ABOUT FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT? WE DON'T NEED TO BE LOCKED IN OLD  
25 SCHOOL. WE NEED TO TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF INNOVATION AND





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1 TECHNOLOGY. I THINK COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE LENGTH AND BREADTH  
2 OF THE COUNTY WILL STEP UP AND DO FASCINATING THINGS. SO MAY I  
3 ASK THAT QUESTION AND, AT THE SAME TIME, SUGGEST THAT IT BE  
4 EXPLORED IF IT'S NOT ON THE MENU OF THINGS TO BE EXPLORED?  
5 SECOND QUESTION IS, WILL THE CENTER INVESTIGATE OPTIONS  
6 AVAILABLE TO LOW INCOME FAMILIES TO SAVE FOR COLLEGE  
7 EDUCATION? IS THERE A ROLE FOR THE COUNTY TO PLAY IN HELPING  
8 FAMILIES SAVE FOR THE COST OF COLLEGE EDUCATION? IN OTHER  
9 WORDS, FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT, FINANCIAL LITERACY OUGHT TO BE  
10 THAT WHICH MOVES PEOPLE ALONG THE INCOME CONTINUUM. ALL THE  
11 DATA MAKE IT VERY CLEAR THAT A COLLEGE EDUCATION FACILITATES  
12 HIGHER INCOMES IN TERMS OF EARNING POWER AND CAPACITY. SO I'D  
13 LIKE TO JUST PUT THOSE TWO ADDITIONAL FEATURES IN PLAY AS  
14 QUESTIONS. AND AS YOU CONTINUE THE WORK THAT IS BEFORE US,  
15 THOSE QUESTIONS BE ADDRESSED IN THE PROPER TIME AND FRAMEWORK.  
16 AGAIN, HIGH PRAISE TO THE MAKER OF THE MOTION AND TO THOSE WHO  
17 ARE SUPPORTIVE AND COUNT ON US TO BE HELPFUL IN TERMS OF THE  
18 WORK THAT BOTH COUNTY COUNSEL AND YOUR DEPARTMENT, MR. STIGER,  
19 ARE PURSUING.

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21 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. IF THERE ARE NO FURTHER  
22 QUESTIONS FROM THE BOARD MEMBERS, WE'LL HEAR FROM THE  
23 DEPARTMENT. BRIAN?

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1   **BRIAN STIGER:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR, HONORABLE MEMBERS OF  
2   THE BOARD. BRIAN STIGER. DIRECTOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF  
3   CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS. ON MARCH 15TH, YOUR BOARD  
4   PASSED A MOTION TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A  
5   CENTER FOR FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT, WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF  
6   CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS, TO HELP LIFT PEOPLE OUT OF  
7   POVERTY AND IMPROVE FINANCIAL CAPABILITY. THE ROLE OF THE  
8   CENTER FOR FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT IS TO ALIGN AND COORDINATE  
9   FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMS DELIVERED BY COUNTY DEPARTMENTS  
10   AND COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS, TO IMPROVE THE ECONOMIC  
11   LIVES OF LOW INCOME INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES. IN RESPONSE TO  
12   THE MOTION, WE FORMED A NUMBER OF WORK TEAMS COMPRISED OF  
13   REPRESENTATIVES FROM COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO INVENTORY AND  
14   ASSESS THE COUNTY'S FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMS, DEVELOP A  
15   STRATEGIC PLAN AND DISCUSS WAYS TO LEVERAGE OUR EFFORTS TO  
16   EFFECTIVELY SERVE COUNTY RESIDENTS. WE SURVEYED ALL COUNTY  
17   DEPARTMENTS AND FOUND THAT 14 DEPARTMENTS PROVIDE OVER 46  
18   DIFFERENT FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMS. WE LEARNED THAT  
19   OVERALL THESE PROGRAMS ARE OF HIGH QUALITY AND OUR DEPARTMENTS  
20   ARE WORKING CLOSELY TOGETHER TO DELIVER THESE SERVICES. BUT WE  
21   ALSO LEARNED THAT IF THESE PROGRAMS-- THAT IF WE COORDINATED  
22   THESE PROGRAMS, WE COULD LEVERAGE OUR RESOURCES TO IMPROVE  
23   SERVICE DELIVERY FOR GREATER IMPACT. WE ALSO GATHERED A SELECT  
24   GROUP OF RECOGNIZED EXPERTS AND THOUGHT LEADERS FROM OUTSIDE  
25   THE COUNTY STRUCTURE WHO HAVE BEEN ENGAGED IN THIS WORK FOR



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1 MANY YEARS. THE ADVISORS HELPED US SURVEY OUR EXTERNAL  
2 PARTNERS TO GET A SENSE OF THE KINDS OF SERVICES THEY ARE  
3 OFFERING. THEY HELPED US THINK THROUGH THE COUNTY-- THINK  
4 THROUGH HOW THE COUNTY COULD TAKE A LEADERSHIP ROLE IN  
5 ALIGNING AND COORDINATING THESE SERVICES THROUGHOUT THE  
6 REGION, AND THEY HELPED US IDENTIFY THE TWO POPULATIONS WE  
7 WILL TRACK DURING THE TWO-YEAR PILOT PROJECT: YOUTH BETWEEN  
8 THE AGES OF 14 AND 24 AND THOSE INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES  
9 ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE THE FEDERAL EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT.  
10 DURING THE PILOT, WE WOULD CREATE A FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT  
11 SERVICES DIRECTORY AND WEBSITE TO CONNECT PEOPLE WITH  
12 SERVICES. WE WILL WEAVE FINANCIAL CAPABILITY INTO THE COUNTY'S  
13 SOCIAL SERVICES PROGRAMS AND PROMOTE SAFE AND RELIABLE  
14 PRODUCTS AND SERVICES. FOR OUR YOUTH, WE WILL WORK TO EXPAND  
15 THE LIFE SMARTS PROGRAM IN HIGH SCHOOLS. LIFE SMARTS IS A YEAR  
16 LONG TRAINING DIRECTED TOWARDS HIGH SCHOOL AGED YOUTH TO TEACH  
17 FINANCIAL LITERACY. WE WILL EDUCATE YOUTH ABOUT NO COST AND  
18 LOW COST FINANCIAL PRODUCTS AND PROGRAMS. AND WE WILL PROVIDE  
19 ACCESS TO RESOURCES TO HELP STUDENTS COMPLETE THEIR POST  
20 SECONDARY EDUCATION. FOR INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES ELIGIBLE FOR  
21 THE EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT WE WILL WORK TO INCREASE THE  
22 NUMBER OF COUNTY EMPLOYEES TRAINED TO PROVIDE FREE TAX  
23 SERVICES. THE COUNTY WILL HOST A FREE TAX PREPARATION EVENT  
24 DURING TAX SEASON AND WE WILL USE THAT EVENT TO CONNECT  
25 CLIENTS TO FINANCIAL COUNSELING OPPORTUNITIES AND TO SAFE



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1 BANKING PRODUCTS. WE WILL ALSO HOST CONVENING OF GOVERNMENT  
2 AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS IN THE NEXT 60 DAYS TO EXPLAIN OUR  
3 ROLE, GET IDEAS ON HOW WE CAN PROVIDE THE MOST HELP, SHARE  
4 BEST PRACTICES AND BEGIN PLANNING FOR THE NEXT TAX SEASON. WE  
5 WILL ALSO BE WORKING WITH THE CONSULTANT TO DEVELOP A  
6 COMPREHENSIVE SET OF METRICS TO MEASURE OUR PROGRESS, REFINE  
7 OUR SERVICES OFFERINGS AND CONDUCT A MORE THOROUGH ANALYSIS OF  
8 THE FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT SERVICES OFFERED THROUGHOUT THE  
9 COUNTY. THIS PILOT WILL BE FUNDED ENTIRELY THROUGH OUR  
10 EXISTING BUDGET AND A GRANT FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR. I JUST  
11 WANT TO ADD THAT THE CENTER FOR FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT BRINGS  
12 TOGETHER ALL OF THE PROGRAMS THAT WE CURRENTLY WORK AT THE  
13 DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS. IT BRINGS  
14 TOGETHER OUR CONSUMER PROTECTION PROGRAM. IT BRINGS TOGETHER  
15 OUR FORECLOSURE PREVENTION PROGRAM. AND IT BRINGS TOGETHER OUR  
16 EFFORTS TO SUPPORT SMALL BUSINESSES TO CREATE JOBS. AND I'M  
17 HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THE MEMBERS MAY HAVE.

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19 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAME CHAIR?

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21 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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23 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH, YOU SAY THIS PROGRAM WILL BE FUNDED WITHIN  
24 YOUR BUDGET, BUT THAT BUDGET YOU'RE REFERRING TO FOR THIS  
25 PROGRAM IS A TRUST FUND OF SOME SORT, IS THAT CORRECT?



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2 **BRIAN STIGER:** THAT IS CORRECT, SUPERVISOR. THIS IS OUR  
3 [INAUDIBLE] TRUST FUND THAT WE HAVE ABOUT \$3.2 MILLION LEFT TO  
4 SPEND ON NEW AND ENHANCED CONSUMER PROGRAMS.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE:** CAN YOU EXPLAIN THE SOURCE OF THIS FUND?

7

8 **BRIAN STIGER:** SO THIS IS THE RESULT OF A LAWSUIT THAT WAS  
9 ESTABLISHED BACK IN 2005. AND THE PLAINTIFF WAS GRACO AGAINST  
10 RENT-A-CENTER. AND WE WERE AWARDED ABOUT \$5 MILLION IN SURPLUS  
11 MONEY FROM THAT LAWSUIT.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE:** SO YOU SPENT ABOUT \$1.8 THUS FAR. OBVIOUSLY THIS  
14 IS A PRETTY EXPENSIVE PROGRAM, AS WELL, TOO. SO WHAT HAPPENS,  
15 ONE, IF WE DON'T GET ANOTHER GRANT. AND, TWO, AT SOME POINT  
16 THAT TRUST FUND'S NOT GOING TO BE REPLENISHED, AM I CORRECT?

17

18 **BRIAN STIGER:** THAT IS CORRECT.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE:** ONE TIME. SO IT'S REALLY NOT WITHIN YOUR BUDGET.  
21 IT'S A TRUST FUND THAT YOU'RE GOING TO BE USING TO FUND A  
22 POTENTIALLY ONE-TIME PROGRAM, CORRECT?

23

24 **BRIAN STIGER:** THAT IS CORRECT, SUPERVISOR. SORRY I MISSPOKE.  
25 SO THIS IS GOING TO BE A TWO-YEAR PILOT. SO WE HAVE HELP



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1 DURING THE FIRST YEAR. WE HAVE THE MONEY IN THE TRUST FUND TO  
2 FUND THE SECOND YEAR. AT THAT TIME WE'LL BE COMING BACK TO THE  
3 BOARD HOPEFULLY WITH SOME REALLY GOOD NEWS SO THAT WE CAN  
4 ESTABLISH PERMANENT FUNDING GOING FORWARD.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I GUESS WHAT I WOULD SAY IS WE HAVE,  
9 AS YOU KNOW, OTHER DEPARTMENTS THAT ARE PROVIDING THIS KIND OF  
10 ASSISTANCE. IF WE CAN DO A BETTER JOB IN ASSESSING HOW THAT  
11 CAN BE BETTER COORDINATED, WE CAN ACTUALLY SAVE MONEY AND BE  
12 MORE TARGETED, IN MY BELIEF, AND ACTUALLY SAVE THE COUNTY  
13 MONEY. BUT IN ADDITION, I WOULD HOPE THAT ONE OF OUR EFFORTS  
14 WOULD BE TO SEEK OUTSIDE PHILANTHROPIC PRIVATE FUNDING,  
15 CORPORATE FUNDING FROM BANKS, FROM INSTITUTIONS THAT WANT TO  
16 BE ASSOCIATED WITH THIS KIND OF CONSUMER EFFORT TO EDUCATE THE  
17 PUBLIC. I COULD SEE THAT OCCURRING AS WE GO THROUGH THIS TWO-  
18 YEAR PROJECT.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE:** I AGREE WITH THAT. BUT I THINK IT NEEDS TO BE  
21 POINTED OUT IF THAT DOESN'T COME THROUGH, WE CAN ALWAYS GO TO  
22 BUDGET UNCERTAINTIES, ISN'T THAT OUR FAVORITE ONE?

23

24 **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O.:** YES, SUPERVISORS, I THINK AT THIS POINT,  
25 AS THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR COMES AROUND, WE WILL CERTAINLY TAKE A





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1 LOOK AT THAT. BUT I AGREE WITH THE CHAIR THAT BETWEEN NOW AND  
2 NEXT YEAR, BRIAN WILL BE WORKING VERY CLOSELY WITH THE  
3 INDUSTRY TO SEE IF HE CAN GET ADDITIONAL GRANTS.

4

5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT, BRIAN,  
6 YOU'VE DONE SO MUCH ALREADY TO DEMONSTRATE COOPERATION WITH  
7 OTHER STATE AGENCIES. AND OBVIOUSLY THE STATE HAS A BIG ROLE  
8 IN THE EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT AND THE B.O.E. AND ALL THAT.  
9 BUT I THINK THIS KIND OF LENDS ITSELF, AS SUPERVISOR KUEHL  
10 SAID, A WHOLE NEW INNOVATIVE WAY OF WORKING WITH OUR PARTNERS  
11 OUT THERE BECAUSE WE'RE ACTUALLY LOOKING AT THE SAME POOL OF  
12 PEOPLE, THE POPULATION WE WANT TO ADDRESS, AND WHAT WE'RE  
13 DOING IS NOW STANDING UP AND SAYING WE ARE PARTNERING WITH  
14 YOU, AND HOW CAN WE COLLABORATE? I THINK THAT'S A GOOD MESSAGE  
15 OF COOPERATION WITH THE STATE AND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. SO  
16 THAT WOULD BE ANOTHER ATTEMPT TO TRY TO GET MORE INVOLVEMENT  
17 ON THEIR PART, AS WELL.

18

19 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** ONE OF OUR PARTNERS ON THE SPEAKERS LIST IS  
20 ALREADY INVESTING IN THIS PILOT PROGRAM. SO I THINK IT SHOWS  
21 GREAT PROMISE.

22

23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** GREAT. THANK YOU.

24

25 **BRIAN STIGER:** THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WITH THAT, WE HAVE SEVERAL  
3 PRESENTERS. WE HAVE MR. JAMES ALVA. SOLANA RICE. AMANDA BYRD.  
4 SARAH BRENNAN AND ISAIAS HERNANDEZ.

5

6 **SOLANA RICE:** GOOD MORNING. I AM SOLANA RICE, ASSOCIATE  
7 DIRECTOR FOR STATE AND LOCAL POLICY FOR THE CORPORATION FOR  
8 ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT, ALSO KNOWN AS C.F.E.D. TODAY WE ARE  
9 HONORED TO EXPRESS OUR ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORT FOR THE LOS  
10 ANGELES COUNTY CENTER FOR FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT. AS A NATIONAL  
11 NONPROFIT, C.F.E.D. HAS 36 YEARS OF DEVELOPING AND ADVOCATING  
12 FOR LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL PROGRAMS AND POLICY SOLUTIONS  
13 THAT MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR MILLIONS OF PEOPLE TO ACHIEVE  
14 FINANCIAL SECURITY AND CONTRIBUTE TO AN OPPORTUNITY ECONOMY. I  
15 WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND CHAIR SOLIS FOR YOUR  
16 LEADERSHIP ON THIS ISSUE. ESTABLISHING THE CENTER SENDS AN  
17 IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO CALIFORNIA AND TO THE NATION ABOUT THE  
18 URGENCY AND PERVASIVENESS OF FINANCIAL INSTABILITY. AS  
19 SUPERVISOR KUEHL MENTIONED, 49 PERCENT OF RESIDENTS IN LOS  
20 ANGELES COUNTY ARE WITHOUT THE THREE MONTHS OF SAVINGS NEEDED  
21 TO WITHSTAND A LOSS OF INCOME WITHOUT FALLING INTO POVERTY.  
22 INTERNAL COORDINATION ACROSS AGENCIES OR WHAT WE TERM  
23 FINANCIAL INTEGRATION IS A PROMISING FIRST STEP IN HELPING  
24 FAMILIES. SOCIAL SERVICE PROVIDERS CROSS THE COUNTRY ARE  
25 DEMONSTRATING THIS BY EMBEDDING SERVICES LIKE HELPING FAMILIES



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1 ACCESS FINANCIAL INFORMATION, CONNECTING FAMILIES TO SAFE,  
2 AFFORDABLE FINANCIAL PRODUCTS AND SERVICES, BUILDING SAVINGS  
3 AND WEALTH, AND PROTECTING CONSUMERS FROM PREDATORY PRODUCTS.  
4 WE CAN BOOST PROGRAMMATIC OUTCOMES LIKE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT,  
5 DEVELOPMENT PLACEMENT RETENTION, HEALTH AND EDUCATIONAL  
6 OUTCOMES. THIS CENTER ALSO POSITIONS LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO  
7 SHARE THE INSIGHTS AND EXPERIENCES OF THOUSANDS OF RESIDENTS  
8 AND SERVICE PROVIDERS AND INFORM POLICIES AND PROGRAMS UNDER  
9 DEVELOPMENT ACROSS THE STATE. C.F.E.D. IS PLEASED TO SUPPORT  
10 YOUR EFFORTS, AND THIS IS A TREMENDOUS DAY. CONGRATULATIONS.

11

12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

13

14 **JAMES ALVA:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS JAMES ALVA.  
15 I'M THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA MARKET MANAGER, SENIOR VICE  
16 PRESIDENT FOR CITIBANK'S COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM. WHAT  
17 THAT MEANS IS THAT I HAVE THE GREAT PRIVILEGE OF MANAGING  
18 CITIBANK'S PRIVATE INVESTMENTS THROUGHOUT SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA,  
19 AND WE ARE PROUD TO BE HERE TODAY AS A SOLE PRIVATE FUNDER, IN  
20 PARTNERSHIP WITH THE COUNTY, OF THE CREATION OF THE CENTER FOR  
21 FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT. CITI IS A BIG, COMPLEX GLOBAL FINANCIAL  
22 INSTITUTION BUT OUR MISSION IS QUITE SIMPLE. IT IS TO ENABLE  
23 GROWTH AND PROGRESS IN THE COMMUNITIES IN WHICH WE SERVE. WE  
24 HAVE OVER 250,000 EMPLOYEES IN 160 COUNTRIES IN OVER 1,000  
25 CITIES. 6 OF THOSE CITIES ARE IN THE UNITED STATES. OUR



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1 EMPLOYEES ARE COMMITTED TO OUR MISSION, WHICH IS TO  
2 DEMONSTRATE WHAT A GLOBAL BANK CAN DO TO MAKE A POSITIVE  
3 FINANCIAL AND SOCIAL IMPACT IN THE COMMUNITIES IN WHICH WE  
4 SERVE. AS A PROUD FUNDER OF THIS INITIATIVE, WE KNOW THAT OUR  
5 SUPPORT WILL MARK CITI'S SIXTH FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT OFFICE  
6 THAT WE HAVE EITHER SUPPORTED OR CREATED IN THE U.S. WE HAVE  
7 SUPPORTED AND CREATED SIMILAR OFFICES IN NEW YORK, SAN  
8 FRANCISCO, OAKLAND, CHICAGO AND BOSTON. WHAT THIS EXPERIENCE  
9 HAS TAUGHT US IS THAT WITHOUT THE TRUE VISION AND SUPPORT OF  
10 MUNICIPAL LEADERS LIKE THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, NONE  
11 OF THESE CENTERS OF FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT WOULD BE SUCCESSFUL.  
12 WE ARE HONORED TO BE A PART OF THE CREATION OF THIS CENTER FOR  
13 FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT, SHOULD YOU APPROVE IT. BUT WE ALSO SEE  
14 OURSELVES AS A GREAT PARTNER. WE APPLAUD SUPERVISORS AND IN  
15 PARTICULAR SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND CHAIR SOLIS FOR YOUR  
16 LEADERSHIP IN GETTING US TO TODAY, IN BRINGING THIS SUPPORT TO  
17 THE MILLIONS OF PEOPLE IN LOS ANGELES WHO NEED IT. AT CITI, WE  
18 ARE COMMITTED TO JOINING THE SUPERVISORS, COUNTY AND CITY  
19 STAFF, NONPROFIT PARTNERS, OTHER FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS TO  
20 ENABLE CONTINUED GROWTH AND PROGRESS IN LOS ANGELES. THANK YOU  
21 FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO DEMONSTRATE THE POSITIVE IMPACT THAT A  
22 GLOBAL BANK LIKE CITI CAN HAVE HERE LOCALLY.

23  
24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL?



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1   **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** YES. THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. MR. ALVA, THE  
2   MOTION HASN'T PASSED YET SO OF COURSE IT'S NOT REAL. BUT  
3   SHOULD IT BECOME REAL, ARE YOU AT LIBERTY TO SAY WHAT CITI IS  
4   PREPARED TO INVEST JUST IN THIS PILOT?

5

6   **JAMES ALVA:** SURE. SO WE HAVE A FUNDING COMMITTEE THAT THIS IS  
7   CURRENTLY BEING PROCESSED THROUGH. WE ARE MEETING TOMORROW.  
8   BUT THAT FUNDING RANGE THAT IS BEING CONSIDERED IS \$250,000 TO  
9   \$300,000.

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11   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** GREAT.

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13   **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** OKAY, THANK YOU.

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15   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

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17   **SARAH BRENNAN:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS SARAH  
18   BRENNAN. AND I WORK FOR SELF-HELP FEDERAL CREDIT UNION. WE ARE  
19   ONE OF THE OLDEST AND LARGEST COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CREDIT  
20   UNIONS IN THE UNITED STATES. STARTED IN 1980, WE HAVE SINCE  
21   LENT AND INVESTED OVER \$7 BILLION INTO LOW- INCOME COMMUNITIES  
22   AND COMMUNITIES OF COLOR. WE STARTED OUR PRESENCE HERE IN  
23   CALIFORNIA EIGHT YEARS AGO, AND SEVERAL YEARS AGO EXPANDED  
24   INTO L.A. COUNTY. WE CURRENTLY OPERATE TWO BRANCHES IN YOUR  
25   DISTRICT, CHAIR SOLIS, IN POMONA AND EL MONTE. AND FROM OUR



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1 PERSPECTIVE HERE FOR THE PAST EIGHT YEARS, WE SEE THIS  
2 TREMENDOUS, TREMENDOUS NEED TO CONNECT THE FOLKS THAT WE BANK  
3 WITH THE RESOURCES THAT MANY HAVE SPOKEN ABOUT, WHETHER IT'S  
4 THE E.I.T.C., WHETHER IT'S LEARNING HOW TO PAY DOWN DEBT,  
5 WHETHER IT'S LEARNING HOW TO REPAIR CREDIT. AND WE SEE THIS  
6 COORDINATED EFFORT AS BEING ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL FOR YOUR  
7 RESIDENTS. SO WE VERY MUCH APPLAUD YOUR LEADERSHIP, SUPERVISOR  
8 KUEHL AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS, CHAIR SOLIS. THE BOTTOM LINE IS  
9 THAT WITH THE RIGHT TOOLS AND INFORMATION AS COORDINATED BY  
10 THIS BODY, WE THINK THAT IT IS REALLY GOING TO LIFT SOME OF  
11 THE FAMILIES THAT YOU SERVE OUT OF POVERTY. SUPERVISOR KUEHL  
12 MENTIONED THAT RECENT STUDY THAT SHOWED THAT THERE'S \$370  
13 MILLION IN E.I.T.C. THAT'S LEFT ON THE TABLE EACH YEAR JUST IN  
14 L.A. COUNTY. AND IF YOU LOOK AT THE MULTIPLIER EFFECT FROM  
15 THAT ALONE, THAT'S PROBABLY SOMETHING MORE LIKE \$700 OR \$800  
16 MILLION THAT YOUR COUNTY RESIDENTS HAVE EARNED AND DESERVE BUT  
17 ARE NOT ACCESSING. SO WE'RE REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING  
18 HOW THIS PILOT PROCEEDS, ASSUMING THAT YOU DO VOTE TO APPROVE  
19 IT TODAY. WE'RE VERY EAGER TO WORK WITH YOU AND SUPPORT IT IN  
20 WHATEVER WAY YOU SEE FIT. AND WE ARE JUST VERY EXCITED AND  
21 PLEASED. AND THANK YOU FOR THE LEADERSHIP OF BOTH SUPERVISOR  
22 KUEHL, SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND BRIAN STIGER AND ALL THE STAFF AT  
23 D.C.B.A. FOR PUTTING TOGETHER A REALLY EXCELLENT REPORT. THANK  
24 YOU.

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1    **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR  
2    CONSTITUENTS, TOO. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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4    **AMANDA BYRD:** GOOD MORNING, MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD  
5    OF SUPERVISORS. I'M AMANDA BYRD. I'M THE VICE PRESIDENT OF  
6    MEMBERSHIP AND COMMUNICATIONS AT SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GRANT  
7    MAKERS. AND AS YOU KNOW, S.C.G. IS THE MEMBERSHIP ASSOCIATION  
8    WHERE 300 OF OUR REGION'S GRANT MAKERS COME TOGETHER TO LEARN,  
9    CONNECT AND TAKE ACTION. OUR MEMBERS INCLUDE FOUNDATIONS,  
10    CORPORATIONS, INDIVIDUAL PHILANTHROPISTS AND GOVERNMENT  
11    AGENCIES. THEY ARE DEEPLY COMMITTED TO HELPING HARD WORKING  
12    L.A. COUNTY FAMILIES THRIVE FINANCIALLY. AND SO AM I. I HAVE  
13    PERSONALLY SPENT THE PAST 20 YEARS WORKING ON BEHALF OF  
14    FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT FOR LOW INCOME FAMILIES. AND I HAVE TO  
15    SAY I HAVE NEVER BEFORE FELT AS CLOSE TO CHANGING MILLIONS OF  
16    LIVES AS WE ARE HERE TODAY. I WORKED FOR A DECADE AT A  
17    NONPROFIT JOB TRAINING CENTER THAT PLACED THOUSANDS OF  
18    TRAINEES IN CAREER TRACK POSITIONS WITH SOLID STARTING WAGES.  
19    AND I SAW THAT OUR GRADUATES WERE STILL TRAPPED IN POVERTY. SO  
20    THEN I WENT TO A NONPROFIT THAT TAUGHT THOUSANDS OF LOW WAGE  
21    WORKERS HOW TO SAVE AND MATCH THEIR SAVINGS TO BREAK THE CYCLE  
22    OF POVERTY THROUGH ASSET BUILDING, HELPING THEM START  
23    BUSINESSES, GO TO COLLEGE AND EVEN BUY HOMES. IT WAS  
24    INCREDIBLY POWERFUL, BUT IT WASN'T ANYWHERE CLOSE TO THE SCALE  
25    OF IMPACT THAT YOU CAN HAVE TODAY. THE PROPOSED L.A. COUNTY



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1 CENTER FOR FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT HAS THE POTENTIAL TO CHANGE  
2 THE FUTURE FOR FAMILIES HERE IN L.A. AND AS A NATIONWIDE  
3 MODEL. IT IS AN OUTSTANDING EXAMPLE OF THE POWER OF  
4 PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AND PHILANTHROPY. SO ON BEHALF  
5 OF S.C.G. AND ALSO PERSONALLY, I LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING TO  
6 PARTNER WITH THE COUNTY IF YOU APPROVE THIS TRANSFORMATIONAL  
7 INITIATIVE. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

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11 **ISAIAS HERNANDEZ:** GOOD MORNING, MADAME CHAIR, BOARD OF  
12 SUPERVISORS, MY NAME'S ISAIAS HERNANDEZ. I'M A DIRECTOR FOR  
13 COMMUNITY SERVICES AT THE MEXICAN AMERICAN OPPORTUNITY  
14 FOUNDATION. WE ARE A NONPROFIT THAT MANAGES AN ANNUAL BUDGET  
15 OF \$72 MILLION, ONE OF THE LARGEST NONPROFITS IN THE NATION  
16 WITH ALMOST A THOUSAND EMPLOYEES IN CALIFORNIA AND OVER 500  
17 EMPLOYEES HERE IN LOS ANGELES. ONE OF MY PROGRAMS, OUR ASSET  
18 BUILDING PROGRAM, IS ONE OF THE SMALLEST FUNDED PROGRAMS. WE  
19 OPERATE A BUDGET OF \$125,000 ANNUALLY. BUT I WANT TO GO OVER  
20 AND HIGHLIGHT SOME OF THE RESULTS THAT WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO  
21 DO. JUST THIS THE YEAR IN DISTRICT 1, WE WERE THE HIGHEST  
22 PRODUCTIVE VITA SITE BRINGING IN OVER \$2.3 MILLION TO OUR  
23 RESIDENTS OF THE FIRST DISTRICT AND SUPPORTING THE ENTIRE  
24 DISTRICT AS A WHOLE. A LITTLE HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE YEAR. AS A  
25 WHOLE, THERE'S 189 VITA PROGRAMS. THEY HAVE BEEN ABLE TO BRING



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1 IN \$51.5 MILLION IN FEDERAL REFUNDS TO THE RESIDENTS OF LOS  
2 ANGELES. ON TOP OF THAT, WE ALSO HAVE BEEN ABLE TO INTEGRATE  
3 ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL PRODUCTS, SAFE AND AFFORDABLE PRODUCTS TO  
4 ASSIST OUR FAMILIES, OUR LOW INCOME FAMILIES, TO ASSIST THEM  
5 IN UPWARD MOBILITY. ON AN ADDITIONAL NOTE, I WANTED TO  
6 HIGHLIGHT SOME OF OUR PARTNERS HERE. WITH THE SUPPORT OF SOME  
7 OF OUR FUNDERS, WE HAVE ALSO BEEN ABLE TO SUPPORT ADDITIONAL  
8 PROGRAMS SUCH AS OUR CREDIT BUILDING PROGRAMS, OUR SAVINGS  
9 ACCOUNTS WHERE WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO ASSIST FAMILIES, SAVE OVER  
10 \$85,000 WITHIN THE LAST THREE YEARS. I WANT TO THANK YOU GUYS  
11 FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY. I APPRECIATE THE TIME, AND I DEFINITELY  
12 APPLAUD ALL THE WORK THAT'S BEING DONE. AND I LOOK FORWARD TO  
13 THE PARTNERSHIP THAT OUR NONPROFIT COULD HAVE WITH THE COUNTY.  
14 THANK YOU.

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16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE HAVE SEVERAL OTHER  
17 SPEAKERS. WE HAVE RUTH SARNOFF. DR. MARIE CLAVREUL. OSCAR  
18 MOHAMMAD.

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20 **RUTH SARNOFF:** RUTH SARNOFF. I'M GOING TO ASK YOU TO KIND OF  
21 THINK OUT OF THE BOX FOR A MINUTE BECAUSE THERE ARE SOME OTHER  
22 IMPORTANT MODELS THAT WERE PART OF BOTH AMERICAN HISTORY AND  
23 DIFFERENT PLACES IN THE WORLD, MODELS THAT HAVE WORKED WELL.  
24 ONE IS THAT FOR MANY YEARS, THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE HAD SMALL  
25 LOANS AND A BANKING SYSTEM THAT WORKED VERY WELL. AND IT



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1 WORKED OVER A LONG TIME. SO I'D LIKE YOU TO LOOK INTO THAT.  
2 ALSO, THE SIZE OF THE STRUCTURES, WHEN WE DO ALL THIS  
3 REDEVELOPMENT, AND BEFORE YOU'RE THROUGH WITH IT, ALL THE  
4 TEENY BUSINESSES ARE DONE, AS ARE THE OTHER STRUCTURES. AND IN  
5 THEIR PLACE COMES THESE MONSTROUS THINGS THAT HOLD VERY LARGE  
6 BUSINESSES THAT WE SEE IN EVERY MALL AND IN EVERY, YOU KNOW,  
7 CENTER. WHAT WE NEED IS SOME CONSTRUCTION THAT'S AMENABLE TO  
8 SMALL BUSINESSES BEING ABLE TO FIND SOMETHING TO FIT IN. ALSO,  
9 I THINK WE NEED TO LOOK INTO VERY LOW INCOME LOANS. THERE ARE  
10 HISTORIES OF PEOPLE THAT HAVE RECEIVED VERY LOW INCOME AND I'M  
11 TALKING ABOUT \$1,000 LOANS AND \$5,000 LOANS, AND VERY SMALL  
12 AMOUNTS OF MONEY, EVEN \$100 LOANS THAT BEGIN-- WE HAVE AN  
13 INTERNATIONAL CITY WITH A LOT OF EXPERIENCE IN SMALL  
14 ENTREPRENEURISM. AND I ALSO THINK THAT URBAN AND SUBURBAN  
15 FARMING SHOULD BE LOOKED AT AS SMALL BUSINESS ENDEAVORS HERE.  
16 WE NEED TO GROW LOCALLY GROWN FOOD, AND WE NEED TO CREATE MORE  
17 HEALTHY FOOD FOR LOS ANGELES. THANK YOU.

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19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

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21 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,  
22 DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. I THINK I WOULD HAVE BEEN A LITTLE  
23 MORE HAPPY IT HAD BEEN CLEAR THAT IT WAS CITIBANK WHO WAS  
24 GIVING THAT LOAN. IT TOOK ME A LOT OF QUESTIONING A LOT OF  
25 PEOPLE TO FIND OUT THAT THE MONEY WAS GIVEN BY CITIBANK. FIRST



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1 I APPRECIATE THE LOAN, BUT I THINK IT'S A SMALL LOAN  
2 ESPECIALLY FOR SOME-- A BANK WHO NEEDS TO RE-ESTABLISH THEIR  
3 REPUTATION. I THINK THAT COULD HAVE BEEN MORE SUBSTANTIAL. I  
4 THINK WHEN WE HAVE THOSE KINDS OF GRANTS, I THINK IT WOULD BE  
5 APPROPRIATE TO SAY WHO IS GIVING THAT GRANT. AGAIN, MATTER OF  
6 TRANSPARENCY. I HOPE ALL THE FOCUS IS NOT ONLY PUT-- MUCH MORE  
7 MONEY IS ADDED TO THAT PROJECT. AND I THINK IT NEEDS TO BE  
8 LOOKED AT SO THE MONEY IS NOT, YOU KNOW, DISAPPEAR QUICKLY AND  
9 WE HAVE NOTHING COMING OUT OF IT. THANK YOU.

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11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

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13 **OSCAR MOHAMMAD:** YES. MY NAME IS OSCAR MOHAMMAD. I SPEAK FOR  
14 THE OPPRESSED. I SPEAK FOR THE STRUGGLING POOR AND I SPEAK FOR  
15 CULTURE CHANGE. BUT I WAS LOOKING AT OUR POLITICAL SYSTEM  
16 TODAY. WE NEED TO FIX OUR POLITICAL SYSTEM. OUR POLITICAL  
17 SYSTEM IS BROKE. WHEN WE LEFT FREE ENTERPRISE AND WENT INTO  
18 CAPITALISM, THAT WAS THE BEGINNING OF THE END FOR US. WE  
19 SHOULD HAVE PROFIT SHARING INSTEAD OF MINIMUM WAGES. PROFIT  
20 SHARING MEANS EMPLOYEES SHOULD GROW WITH THE PROFIT. BUT  
21 THAT'S TOO CLOSE TO JUSTICE. AND WE SHOULD END OUR ECONOMIC  
22 JUSTICE. AND WE SHOULD END OUR ECONOMIC RACISM THAT WE SEE  
23 GOING ON TODAY. BUT, ANYWAY, WE SHOULD TRY TO FIND A WAY TO  
24 BRIDGE POLITICAL RESPONSIBILITY AND WE SHOULD TRY TO BRIDGE  
25 EDUCATION BECAUSE WE GOT TO HAVE EDUCATION WOULD WORK, THOUGH.



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1 AND WE FIND THE MAJORITY OF OUR PEOPLE OF COLOR, YOU KNOW, OUR  
2 EDUCATION, WE ARE LEAVING FAR BEHIND IN EDUCATION THAN WHAT WE  
3 USED TO IN TIME GONE BY. BUT WE UNDERSTAND HOW BIG BUSINESS,  
4 BIG CORPORATIONS GET BIG BAILOUTS. THEY'RE THE LARGEST WELFARE  
5 IN AMERICA AND SMALL BUSINESS HARDLY GET ANYTHING TO EXIST,  
6 BEING A SMALL BUSINESS. I GUESS IT'S WHO YOU KNOW WHAT YOU  
7 GET, THOUGH. BUT ANYWAY, WE SHOULD GO BACK TO OUR FOUNDING  
8 FATHER ANDREW JACKSON. ANDREW JACKSON SAID THE PEOPLE HAVE THE  
9 RIGHT TO FORM THEIR OWN BUSINESS AND SHOULD NOT BE CONTROLLED  
10 BY THE GOVERNMENT. WE HAVE TOO MUCH GOVERNMENT IN OUR BUSINESS  
11 TODAY.

12

13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE HAVE OTHER SPEAKERS. ARNOLD SACHS.  
14 ERIC PREVEN. AND SHELIAH WARD.

15

16 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, IT IS ERIC PREVEN FROM THE THIRD DISTRICT.  
17 FULL DISCLOSURE, I AM A CITICARD HOLDER FOR 27 YEARS. SO THIS  
18 IS A BIG ACCOMPLISHMENT. AND I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU TO  
19 CITICARD FOR THE \$280,000 GRANT. I WOULD LIKE TO SAY NO THANK  
20 YOU FOR THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR NOT TAGGING THAT IN  
21 WRITING. THE REASON FOR THAT IS THAT I THINK FOLKS SHOULD  
22 KNOW, AND I THINK THAT BY PUTTING IN THAT CITIBANK, IT IS ON  
23 PAGE 3 OF THE AGENDA ITEM 6, THAT IT ANNOUNCES. THAT'S NOT THE  
24 AGENDA WHERE PEOPLE READ IN PUBLIC, IT'S THE ONE WHERE YOU DIG  
25 IN. IT SAYS THAT IT'S AN ANONYMOUS-- IT DOESN'T SAY ANONYMOUS





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1 BUT IT DOESN'T IDENTIFY THE GRANTOR. NOW WE'VE ALREADY  
2 IDENTIFIED THE GRANTOR SO THAT'S ALL GOOD NEWS. IT'S IMPORTANT  
3 TO KNOW THAT THIS IS ONE OF THOSE REALLY BIG BANKS. I MEAN,  
4 THIS IS-- I THINK WHEN PEOPLE TALK ABOUT BANKS THAT MIGHT BE  
5 TOO BIG TO FAIL AND ALL THAT SORT OF STUFF, THIS IS IN THAT  
6 CATEGORY. AND THOUGH CITIBANK HAS DONE AN AVERAGE JOB AMONG  
7 OTHER BANKS OF STAYING OUT OF TROUBLE, WHICH MEANS THAT THEY  
8 HAVE BEEN FINED BILLIONS AND BILLIONS OF DOLLARS FOR  
9 DEFRAUDING INVESTORS, YOU KNOW, AND VARIOUS OTHER PROBLEMS, I  
10 JUST THINK WE NEED TO CONSIDER, AS WE TAKE \$280,000 TO DO--  
11 GETTING TO THE GOOD PART HERE- IS AN INARGUABLY GOOD IDEA,  
12 WHICH IS TO EDUCATE MEMBERS IN OUR COMMUNITY IN THE COUNTY  
13 ABOUT NOT GETTING RIPPED OFF BY THESE VERY SAME BANKS AND  
14 VARIOUS OTHER ENTITIES. SO IT CREATES A WEIRD, NOT PERVERSION,  
15 BUT CONCERN. SO I WOULD ASK THAT, NUMBER ONE, WE TAKE THIS  
16 GRANT FROM THEM AT \$280,000 AND BRING FORWARD THAT ALL THE  
17 OTHER BANKS GIVE THE SAME WHO ARE OF SIMILAR ILK AND POWER,  
18 WHICH IS NOT A LOT OF MONEY AS EVERYBODY AGREED. \$280-GRAND  
19 WHEN YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT MULTIPLE BILLIONS IS NOT  
20 SUBSTANTIAL. J.P. MORGAN-CHASE OUR FRIENDS AND ALLIES OVER  
21 THERE. I'M NOT GOING TO NAME THE OTHER BANKS NOW, BUT MANY OF  
22 THEM WHO DO BUSINESS WITH THE COUNTY SHOULD STEP FORWARD IN  
23 THIS VERY SAME WAY TO ELIMINATE-- AND THEY WILL POLICE ONE  
24 ANOTHER SO THAT THERE WILL NOT BE A NEW FLY IN THE CORNER THAT  
25 SAYS, HEY, SIGN UP FOR A CREDIT FACILITY OVER HERE. OH, LOOK,



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1 IT'S THE CITI GUYS. I KNOW THEY ARE GOOD PEOPLE WANT TO HELP.  
2 LET'S TRY TO MAKE IT A BIGGER SPLASH AND MAKE IT CLEAR THAT WE  
3 WILL NOT TOLERATE POACHING COUNTY FOLK. THANK YOU.

4

5 **SHELIAH WARD:** GREETINGS IN THE SPIRIT OF THE MOST HIGH. I'M  
6 HERE BECAUSE IT'S APPALLING TO ME THAT WE HAD TO WAIT TILL WE  
7 GET TWO WOMEN ON THE BOARD TO TALK ABOUT SOMETHING THAT SHOULD  
8 HAVE BEEN DONE HUNDREDS OF YEARS AGO, EQUAL JUSTICE IN A PLACE  
9 CALLED AMERICA. IT'S APPALLING THAT WHEN WE DO THINGS, WE HAVE  
10 TO NOT BE PROPERLY REPRESENTED. EVERYBODY GOT UP HERE TALKING  
11 ABOUT WHAT'S GOING ON BUT NOBODY GOT UP TO TALK ABOUT WHAT  
12 HAPPENS TO THE PEOPLE WHO WERE HERE IN THIS LAND BEFORE  
13 EVERYBODY BECAME INVADERS. MY PRAYER IS AT THE END OF THE DAY  
14 THAT YOU PEOPLE MAKE SURE THAT YOU DON'T OVERLOOK BLACK ICON  
15 INDIANS THAT WERE HERE IN THIS COUNTRY. WE HAVE ONE PLACE IN  
16 THIS WHOLE WORLD WHERE WE COME IN PEACE IS IN A PARK CALLED  
17 LEIMERT. HILLARY CLINTON CAME AND RAN AGAINST THE LAWS. IF YOU  
18 CAN RUN FOR PRESIDENT AND GO AGAINST THE LAWS, WHAT ARE YOU  
19 TEACHING THE PEOPLE HERE? THEY SHOULD JUST GET UP AND GO  
20 AGAINST THE LAW? PUT A FENCE AROUND THE PARK THAT THE MAN SAID  
21 DON'T EVER DO IT? SHE PUT A FENCE AROUND THE PARK AND SHE  
22 CLOSED ALL THE HOMELESS PEOPLE OUT AND THREW THEM AWAY AND PUT  
23 THEIR THINGS DOWNTOWN AND TOLD THEM TO GO GET IT AT THEIR OWN  
24 PLEASURE. IF THOSE PEOPLE WERE ANIMALS, THEY WOULD HAVE BEEN  
25 TREATED BETTER. WE WOULDN'T EVEN BE SITTING HERE TALKING WHAT



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1 WE'RE DOING TODAY. THEY WOULD HAVE AUTOMATICALLY WENT AND GOT  
2 THE PEOPLE, PUT THEM WHERE THEY NEEDED TO BE. BUT IT'S  
3 UNFORTUNATE THAT THEY'RE NOT FISH. THEY'RE NOT FROGS. THEY'RE  
4 NOT ANY OF THOSE THINGS. SO IF YOU WANT TO LIVE IN A WORLD  
5 PEACEFULLY, PLEASE DO THE RIGHT THING. HAVE A GREAT DAY.

6 [APPLAUSE.]

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8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** RAISE THE ROOF, PLEASE. NEXT SPEAKER?

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10 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, RAISE THE ROOF. THIS IS A MEETING GOING ON.  
11 THANK YOU. ARNOLD SACHS. FEW THINGS. THIS IS A STORY FROM "THE  
12 DAILY BREEZE" DECEMBER 5, 2014. AND IT REFERS TO SOUTHERN  
13 CALIFORNIA RESIDENTS LIVING IN POVERTY IN 2013. IN L.A.  
14 COUNTY, IT STATES 18.9 PERCENT. SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY 19.1  
15 PERCENT, AND RIVERSIDE COUNTY, 17.3 PERCENT. YOUR POLICIES ON  
16 ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT ARE JUST SO OFF THE WALL. I LIKE YOUR  
17 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT FROM MARCH 1, 2016 REFERRING TO  
18 L.A. COUNTY BEING 15 PERCENT LOWER THAN THE STATE MEDIAN IN  
19 PER CAPITA INCOME IN THE COUNTY IS 20 PERCENT LOWER THAN THE  
20 STATE AVERAGE. SO IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU MOVING, TEAM EX-LAX.  
21 I'M A LITTLE CONCERNED, THOUGH, ABOUT YOUR STUDENT EMPOWERMENT  
22 PROGRAM. L.A.U.S.D. A FEW WEEKS OR MONTHS AGO, THEY LOWERED  
23 THE STANDARDS TO A D FOR STUDENTS TO GRADUATE. SO TEACHING  
24 THEM THE INTRICACIES OF BANKING IN A CHECKBOOK, I DON'T KNOW  
25 HOW THAT'S GOING WORK OUT. AND YOUR ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT WHICH



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1 YOU'RE DISCUSSING ABOUT-- MAN, THAT WAS A QUICK MINUTE-- \$15  
2 AN HOUR PAY RAISE, FEDERAL PROGRAMS FOR HOUSING AND ECONOMIC  
3 SYSTEMS ARE BASED ON \$7.50 AN HOUR. SO IF SOMEBODY GETS A PAY  
4 RAISE TO \$15 OR \$11 OR \$10, \$12, WHATEVER IT IS, HOW DOES THAT  
5 AFFECT THEIR ELIGIBILITY FOR THOSE PROGRAMS? HAVE YOU A  
6 PROGRAM AS FAR AS YOUR ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT TO DISCUSS AND  
7 HELP PEOPLE GET THROUGH THAT RED TAPE? BECAUSE ALL OF A SUDDEN  
8 THEY'RE GOING TO FIND THEMSELVES LOSING OUT ON FEDERAL  
9 ASSISTANCE FOR HOUSING, WHICH IS ANOTHER PROBLEM.

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11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY, MEMBERS, THAT EXHAUSTS THE  
12 SPEAKERS ON THIS ITEM. ARE WE READY FOR A VOTE? IF SO,  
13 SUPERVISOR KUEHL, WE'RE READY.

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15 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** I THINK IT'S ALL BEEN SAID ALTHOUGH NOT  
16 EVERYONE HAS SAID IT. I ASK FOR YOUR AYE VOTE.

17

18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. THIS ITEM'S BEEN MOVED AND  
19 SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION? SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER.  
20 CONGRATULATIONS. WOW TO THE COMMUNITY. THANK YOU TO THE  
21 SPEAKERS. OKAY, MEMBERS, NEXT ITEM UP IS ITEM 72, WHICH HAS  
22 BEEN HELD. AND I WANT TO ASK DEAN LOGAN TO COME FORWARD. BUT  
23 BEFORE HE BEGINS, THERE'S BENCH THAT HAS HAPPENED IN THE LAST  
24 FEW MONTHS REGARDING THE COUNTY. WE RECEIVED SEVERAL REQUESTS  
25 FROM CITIES LIKE CARSON TO MOVE THEIR ELECTIONS TO EVEN



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1   NUMBERED YEARS IN ALIGNMENT WITH THE STATE AND NATIONAL  
2   ELECTIONS. AND LAST TUESDAY WE HELD THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY  
3   ELECTIONS. AND AS A RESULT, WE HAD A LOT OF NEW VOTERS, WHICH  
4   WE'LL LEARN MORE ABOUT TODAY. WE ALSO HEARD THAT SEVERAL  
5   VOTERS HAD COMPLAINTS ABOUT PROCESS, SO I WOULD LIKE OUR  
6   REGISTRAR-RECORDER TO ADDRESS THOSE ISSUES. SPECIFICALLY WE  
7   HEARD THAT VOTERS HAD ISSUES REGARDING THE CORRECT BALLOT THAT  
8   WOULD ALLOW THEM TO VOTE FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES. IN  
9   ADDITION, WE'VE HEARD THAT VOTING MACHINES THROUGHOUT THE  
10   COUNTY FAILED. FINALLY, THERE WERE ISSUES WITH BALLOTS,  
11   INCLUDING BALLOT SHORTAGES, VOTERS RECEIVED BALLOTS FOR THE  
12   WRONG PARTY. ISSUES WITH VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS. AND THERE HAVE  
13   BEEN NUMEROUS COMPLAINTS THAT BALLOTS WERE NOT COUNTED IN A  
14   TIMELY MANNER. AT THIS POINT, I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT FOR THE  
15   PUBLIC AND FOR THE BOARD TO HEAR FROM OUR COUNTY REGISTRAR-  
16   RECORDER DEAN LOGAN TO HELP US UNDERSTAND WHAT THOSE  
17   CHALLENGES AND CONCERNS HAVE BEEN. THANK YOU AND WELCOME.

18  
19   **DEAN LOGAN:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING, MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS OF  
20   THE BOARD. I AM DEAN LOGAN. I'M THE REGISTRAR RECORDER/COUNTY  
21   CLERK HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY  
22   TO COME THIS MORNING TO SHARE WITH YOU SOME INFORMATION ABOUT  
23   THE JUNE 7TH PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION. AS WAS STATED IN  
24   YOUR INTRODUCTORY REMARKS THIS WAS AN EXTRAORDINARY ELECTION.  
25   THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY IS THE MOST COMPLEX ELECTION THAT WE



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1 CONDUCT IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. AND THERE ARE ELEMENTS OF  
2 IT THAT BY DESIGN ARE CHALLENGING. CERTAINLY CHALLENGING FOR  
3 VOTERS. CUMBERSOME FOR POLL WORKERS AND DIFFICULT TO  
4 ADMINISTER. I THINK WE TALKED WITH EACH OF YOUR OFFICES IN  
5 ADVANCE OF THE ELECTION ABOUT THOSE THINGS. WE TOOK ON  
6 EXTRAORDINARY MEASURES TO TRY AND ADDRESS THOSE ISSUES. BUT I  
7 THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE TODAY THAT WE RECOGNIZE  
8 THAT THERE WERE ISSUES THAT CAME UP DURING THE ELECTION. WE'RE  
9 WORKING TO ADDRESS THOSE. WE'VE TRIED VERY TRANSPARENTLY TO  
10 ADDRESS THOSE. I SPENT A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF MY TIME ON  
11 ELECTION DAY EVEN DIRECTLY CORRESPONDING WITH VOTERS THROUGH  
12 SOCIAL MEDIA TO ADDRESS THOSE ISSUES, AS WELL. SO I APPRECIATE  
13 THE OPPORTUNITY TO COME AND WALK THROUGH THE ASSERTIONS THAT  
14 HAVE BEEN MADE ABOUT THE ELECTION, LET YOU KNOW THE STEPS  
15 WE'VE TAKEN, WHAT WE DID BEFORE THE ELECTION AND ALSO I'LL  
16 CONCLUDE WITH SOME COMMENTS ON SOME THINGS THAT I THINK THAT  
17 WE CAN TAKE CARE OF GOING FORWARD. JUST A LITTLE BIT OF  
18 CONTEXT TO GET US STARTED. I THINK IT'S TO RECOGNIZE AGAIN  
19 THAT THIS IS A UNIQUE ELECTION. IT'S RUN DIFFERENTLY THAN OUR  
20 TYPICAL ELECTIONS. IT ONLY HAPPENS EVERY FOUR YEARS. WE HAD A  
21 LOT OF NEW VOTERS WHO HAD NEVER VOTED IN A PRESIDENTIAL  
22 PRIMARY OR A PARTISAN PRIMARY IN CALIFORNIA, CERTAINLY IN THE  
23 TIMEFRAME SINCE WE MOVED TO THE TOP-TWO PRIMARY SYSTEM. SO  
24 THIS IS THE FIRST TIME MANY VOTERS HAVE EXPERIENCED AN  
25 ELECTION WHERE THEY HAD TO HAVE A PARTY-SPECIFIC BALLOT. THAT





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1 WAS FURTHER COMPLICATED BY THE FACT THAT THE MAJOR POLITICAL  
2 PARTIES MAKE A DECISION BASED ON THEIR RULES ON WHO CAN-- ON  
3 WHICH NONPARTISAN VOTERS CAN PARTICIPATE IN THEIR PRIMARY AND  
4 THOSE RULES WERE DIFFERENT IN THE TWO MAJOR PARTIES IN THIS  
5 ELECTION. WE HAVE 4,511 POLLING PLACES IN L.A. COUNTY SPREAD  
6 OUT OVER 4,000 SQUARE MILES. WE RELY ON THE WORK OF 22,300  
7 VERY DEDICATED AND VERY CRITICALLY IMPORTANT POLL WORKERS TO  
8 DELIVER THOSE SERVICES ON ELECTION DAY. SO AS I GO THROUGH  
9 THESE ISSUES, I WILL TRY TO AGAIN TOUCH ON THEM, AND THEN  
10 RESPOND TO QUESTIONS. I DO WANT TO MENTION IN PARTICULAR,  
11 BECAUSE I KNOW THAT YOU HAVE ALL BEEN INFORMED, I'M AWARE OF A  
12 PARTICULARLY EGREGIOUS CIRCUMSTANCE AT A POLLING PLACE IN ECHO  
13 PARK. THERE'S A VIDEO THAT HAS GONE OUT ABOUT THAT. I WANT YOU  
14 TO KNOW THAT WE ARE LOOKING AT THAT VERY CLOSELY. DURING THE  
15 POST ELECTION CANVASS, I'M HAVING ALL OF THE POLL WORKERS WHO  
16 WORKED AT THAT POLLING PLACE INTERVIEWED. I'M TALKING TO THE  
17 FACILITY MANAGER AT THAT LOCATION, AND WE ARE LOOKING FOR A  
18 COMPLETE RECORD OF THAT. AND WE WILL HAVE THAT AVAILABLE BY  
19 THE TIME WE CERTIFY THE ELECTION. SO, AGAIN, JUST TO LAUNCH  
20 INTO THIS, I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO KNOW THAT VOTING IS AN  
21 INDIVIDUAL ACT BUT IT HAS CUMULATIVE IMPACT. IT REQUIRES  
22 SIGNIFICANT RESOURCES DEPLOYED IN A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME OVER  
23 A GREAT DISTANCE. IT ALSO RELIES ON TRANSPARENCY, SECURITY AND  
24 ACCOUNTABILITY. AND I THINK WE ACHIEVED THAT CUMULATIVE IMPACT  
25 WITH THIS ELECTION OR ARE ACHIEVING THAT. WE STILL HAVE A WAYS



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1 TO GO IN TERMS OF CERTIFYING IT. BUT I ALSO WANT TO RECOGNIZE  
2 THAT FOR ANY INDIVIDUAL VOTER WHO ENCOUNTERED DIFFICULTIES OR  
3 CHALLENGES IN THE ACT OF VOTING ON ELECTION DAY, THE  
4 CUMULATIVE IMPACT DOES NOT DIMINISH THE IMPACT OF THE  
5 INDIVIDUAL VOTER. AND WE KNOW THAT THAT'S OUR OBLIGATION TO  
6 MEET THAT IN THE FUTURE AND GOING FORWARD. SO, JUST TO GO  
7 THROUGH THESE. ONE OF THE ASSERTIONS IS THAT THERE WERE  
8 MULTIPLE PROBLEMS AT POLLING PLACES THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES  
9 COUNTY. AGAIN, I THINK THAT'S A BROAD STATEMENT. I THINK IT  
10 REFERS TO THE COMPLICATIONS THAT WERE ASSOCIATED WITH THE  
11 SURGE OF NEW VOTERS, MANY OF WHOM WERE UNFAMILIAR WITH THE  
12 PARTY-SPECIFIC PRIMARY RULES. THERE WAS ALSO AN INCREASE IN  
13 PARTY AFFILIATION CHANGES LEADING RIGHT UP TO THE ELECTION  
14 WHICH MEANT THAT WE WERE PRODUCING ELECTION MATERIALS AND  
15 SUPPLIES AT THE SAME TIME THAT WE WERE MAKING CHANGES TO  
16 INDIVIDUAL VOTER REGISTRATION. SO THEN PROVIDING SUPPLEMENTAL  
17 SUPPLIES TO THOSE POLLING PLACES, BECAUSE WE'RE STILL RELYING  
18 ON A VERY MANUAL ELECTION SYSTEM. IT MEANT FOR POLL WORKERS,  
19 THEY HAD TO NAVIGATE 10 DIFFERENT BALLOT STYLES AT EACH OF  
20 THOSE 4,500 POLLING LOCATIONS. AND FOR A NONPARTISAN VOTER, IT  
21 MEANT THAT THEY HAD TO MAKE A DECISION BETWEEN FOUR OPTIONS OF  
22 WHICH BALLOT TO RECEIVE AND TO MARK IN THE ROSTER. SO AGAIN  
23 THERE WERE OVERLAPPING TIMEFRAMES AND PROCESSES THAT ADDED TO  
24 THE CUMBERSOME NATURE OF THOSE. I THINK THOSE ARE CAPTURED IN  
25 THE ADDITIONAL ISSUES THAT WE ARE GOING TO GO TO AND THERE



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1 WERE MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCES IN MOST OF THOSE. THERE WAS  
2 REFERENCE MADE TO VOTING MACHINES THAT THE PRECINCTS FAILED  
3 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. I THINK, FIRST ,AGAIN CONTEXT IS  
4 IMPORTANT TO KNOW THAT THE MACHINES, THE EQUIPMENT THAT IS AT  
5 OUR POLLING PLACES IS NOT VOTE COUNTING EQUIPMENT. THAT IS NOT  
6 THE EQUIPMENT THAT COUNTS THE VOTES THAT ARE CAST ON ELECTION  
7 DAY. THOSE ARE ALL COUNTED CENTRALLY BACK IN NORWALK AT OUR  
8 HEADQUARTERS. WHAT THOSE MACHINES ARE THERE FOR TO SCAN THE  
9 BALLOT TO ALERT THE VOTER OF MARKING ERRORS. SO IF THEY  
10 OVERVOTED ON A PARTICULAR CONTEST OR IF THEIR BALLOT WAS BEING  
11 READ AS ENTIRELY BLANK, TO GIVE THAT VOTER A SECOND CHANCE TO  
12 GO BACK AND CORRECT THOSE ISSUES BEFORE DEPOSITING THEIR VOTE  
13 INTO THE BALLOT BOX. AN IMPORTANT FEATURE, JUST DISTINCT FROM  
14 ACTUALLY COUNTING THE VOTE. WE DO KNOW THAT ON DEPLOYMENT,  
15 THOSE SCANNERS AT THE POLLING PLACES REQUIRED A PASSWORD THAT  
16 HAD TO BE DEPLOYED OUT TO ALL OF THE POLLING PLACES EARLY ON  
17 ELECTION MORNING. THAT DID DELAY THE START UP AT SOME  
18 LOCATIONS, AND WE'RE LOOKING INTO THE COMPLICATION THAT CAUSED  
19 THAT. OUR RECORDS SHOW THAT THE MAJORITY, THE VAST MAJORITY OF  
20 THOSE WERE UP AND RUNNING AND FUNCTIONAL. VOTING SHOULD NOT  
21 STOP AS A RESULT OF THAT. THERE ARE PROVISIONS IN OUR TRAINING  
22 AND IN OUR PROCEDURES THAT SAY THAT THE ISSUING OF BALLOTS,  
23 COLLECTING OF BALLOTS AND VOTING CONTINUES DESPITE ANY ISSUES  
24 WITH THAT EQUIPMENT. I'M AWARE OF 67 OF THOSE UNITS THAT HAD  
25 TO BE REPLACED THROUGHOUT THE DAY. THOSE ARE FROM TEAMS THAT



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1 WERE DEPLOYED DIRECTLY FROM MY OFFICE. WE ALSO HAVE REGIONAL  
2 DISTRIBUTION CENTERS THAT HAVE EQUIPMENT OUT IN THE FIELD THAT  
3 MAY HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH THOSE, AS WELL. SO I DON'T HAVE THE  
4 FINAL NUMBERS ON ALL OF THAT, BUT I DO KNOW THAT THERE WERE AT  
5 LEAST 67 THAT WE REPLACED THROUGHOUT THE DAY. SECOND ISSUE, OR  
6 NEXT ISSUE I'LL BRING UP IS THAT VOTERS WERE LISTED IN THE  
7 ROSTER WITH THE WRONG POLITICAL PARTY SELECTION OR NOT LISTED  
8 AT ALL. AS NOTED EARLIER, I THINK THIS RELATES PRIMARILY TO  
9 PARTY CHANGES MADE LEADING TO UP THE ELECTION OR NEW  
10 REGISTRATIONS THAT WERE PROCESSED LEADING UP TO THE ELECTION.  
11 EACH OF THOSE 4500 POLLING LOCATIONS HAD A ROSTER OF VOTERS  
12 FOR THEIR PRECINCT AND THEN TWO SUPPLEMENTAL ROSTERS FOR THEIR  
13 PRECINCT THAT WERE ISSUED LEADING TO UP THE ELECTION DAY. IF  
14 THOSE WERE NOT ALL PRESENT AT THE TABLE OR IF THEY DIDN'T  
15 CHECK ALL THREE OF THOSE, THAT COULD BE A CAUSE FOR SOMEBODY  
16 TO BE MISSED IN A ROSTER. IF SOMEBODY CHANGED THEIR PARTY VERY  
17 LATE IN THE PROCESS, THEY COULD HAVE BEEN LISTED IN THE  
18 ORIGINAL ROSTER WITH THEIR PREVIOUS PARTY AFFILIATION AND IF  
19 THEY DIDN'T GO TO THE SUPPLEMENTAL ROSTER TO SEE THAT THEY ARE  
20 NOW LISTED WITH ANOTHER PARTY, THAT COULD CAUSE THAT ISSUE, AS  
21 WELL. AGAIN THESE ARE COMPLICATIONS THAT A MORE MODERNIZED  
22 VOTING SYSTEM OUGHT TO COMPENSATE FOR. THERE WERE SOME ISSUES  
23 AROUND THIS, ON SOME ASSERTIONS THAT THERE WAS MASS PURGING OF  
24 VOTERS IN L.A. PARTY OR MASS PARTY CHANGES MADE AGAINST THE  
25 WILL OF VOTERS. I HAVE NOT SEEN ANY EVIDENCE OF THAT. I DO



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1 THINK THAT A LOT OF NEW REGISTRATIONS COME IN THROUGH PETITION  
2 DRIVES. AND WE NEED TO LOOK BACK, AND WE DO THIS. WE NEED TO  
3 LOOK BACK AT THE ORIGINAL DOCUMENT OF REGISTRATION TO SEE HOW  
4 THE PARTY'S SELECTION WAS MADE AND TO SHARE THAT WITH THE  
5 VOTERS. I'M ALSO AWARE, AT LEAST ANECDOTALLY, OF A NUMBER OF  
6 VOTERS THAT I SPOKE TO DIRECTLY, PERSONALLY ON ELECTION DAY,  
7 WHO BELIEVED THAT THEY WERE REGISTERED WITH ONE PARTY, BUT I  
8 ACTUALLY PULLED UP THE IMAGE OF THEIR DOCUMENT AND THEY  
9 REGISTERED TO VOTE USING THE CALIFORNIA ONLINE VOTER  
10 REGISTRATION SYSTEM. AND I COULD SEE THE PARTY SELECTION THAT  
11 WAS MARKED THERE, AS WELL. SO I THINK SOME OF THIS IS THAT IN  
12 MOST SELECTIONS, YOUR BALLOT CHOICE IS NOT DETERMINED BY THAT  
13 PARTY SELECTION. SO I THINK THERE WAS SOME CONFUSION AROUND  
14 THAT. SIMILARLY, VOTERS INDICATED THAT THEY WERE LISTED AS  
15 RECEIVING A VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT THAT THEY DID NOT RECEIVE OR  
16 REQUEST. THIS IS ANOTHER EXAMPLE WHERE, ACCORDING TO THE RULES  
17 IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, IF WE SHOW A VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT  
18 WAS ISSUED TO YOU AS A VOTER AND YOU SHOW UP AT A POLLING  
19 PLACE TO VOTE ON ELECTION DAY, IF YOU CAN SURRENDER THAT VOTE  
20 BY MAIL BALLOT, WE CAN ISSUE YOU A REGULAR BALLOT. IF YOU  
21 DON'T HAVE THAT VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT TO SURRENDER, WE HAVE TO  
22 ISSUE YOU A PROVISIONAL BALLOT. THIS IS THE SAFEGUARD TO MAKE  
23 SURE THE VOTERS DON'T VOTE AT THE POLLS AND THROUGH THE MAIL.  
24 AGAIN, ANECDOTAL STORIES OF PEOPLE WHO BELIEVE THAT THEY WERE  
25 LISTED AS VOTE-BY-MAIL VOTERS WHO SAY THEY NEVER REQUESTED TO



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1 BE VOTE= BY-MAIL VOTERS. AGAIN, I LOOKED AT SEVERAL IMAGES OF  
2 DOCUMENTS WHERE THAT BOX WAS CHECKED. I THINK THAT THERE WAS  
3 AN ISSUE IN CALIFORNIA WHEN ONLINE VOTER REGISTRATION FIRST  
4 WENT INTO EFFECT. I THINK THAT CHECK BOX WAS EASILY CHECKED  
5 WITHOUT PEOPLE REALLY RECOGNIZING WHAT THEY WERE DOING. IN  
6 OTHER WORDS, IT FOLLOWED ARE YOU 18 YEARS OLD? CHECK YES. ARE  
7 YOU A UNITED STATES CITIZEN? CHECK YES. DO YOU WANT TO BE A  
8 PERMANENT VOTE BY MAIL VOTER? I THINK A LOT OF PEOPLE JUST  
9 CHECKED THAT LAST BOX. THAT HAS SINCE CHANGED IN THE LAST  
10 YEAR. THE CALIFORNIA SECRETARY OF STATE HAS CHANGED THAT  
11 INTERVIEW PROCESS. BUT I DO BELIEVE THAT THAT IS ONE OF THE  
12 SYMPTOMS TO THAT PARTICULAR ISSUE. THERE WAS A BALLOT SHORTAGE  
13 AT SOME POLLING LOCATIONS. THIS IS AN ISSUE THAT WAS RAISED  
14 DURING THE WEEKEND LEADING UP TO THE ELECTION. WE ARE AWARE OF  
15 ISOLATED INCIDENCES WHERE WE HAD EMERGENCY OPENINGS. AN  
16 EMERGENCY OPEN AT A POLLING PLACE IS WHERE THE POLL WORKER,  
17 THE INSPECTOR, IS NOT ABLE TO SHOW UP ELECTION MORNING AND  
18 THEY ARE THE ONES WHO HAVE THE SUPPLIES FOR THAT PRECINCT, SO  
19 WE HAD TO DEPLOY EMERGENCY SUPPLIES. USUALLY THAT JUST MEANS  
20 GETTING EMERGENCY GENERIC BALLOTS OUT TO THE POLLING PLACE SO  
21 THAT VOTING CAN BEGIN AND THEN WE PREPARE A FULL SET OF  
22 SUPPLIES AND GET THOSE OUT MID-DAY. I CAN ALSO SHARE WITH YOU  
23 THAT WE DID ANALYSIS THE WEEKEND BEFORE THE ELECTION AND WE  
24 DID PRINT ADDITIONAL REGULAR BALLOTS FOR ABOUT 30 PRECINCTS  
25 THAT ON ELECTION DAY WE SENT OUT TO THOSE PRECINCTS USING L.A.





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1 COUNTY SHERIFF'S PATROL TO GET THOSE OUT IN ANTICIPATION OF  
2 THOSE SHORTAGES. AT THE END OF THE DAY, I BELIEVE THERE WERE A  
3 HANDFUL, A SMALL NUMBER OF PRECINCTS OUT OF 4500, THAT  
4 ULTIMATELY HAD TO SWITCH OVER TO USE EMERGENCY BALLOTS FOR  
5 CERTAIN BALLOT STOCK. AGAIN, AS WE CERTIFY THE ELECTION, WE'LL  
6 HAVE MORE CONCRETE RECORDS ON THAT. THERE ARE TOO MANY BALLOTS  
7 LEFT TO BE COUNTED. THIS IS ONE INCIDENT THAT CONTINUES TO GET  
8 A LOT OF ATTENTION. THE REALITY IN CALIFORNIA, BECAUSE WE HAVE  
9 A LARGE NUMBER OF VOTERS WHO VOTE BY MAIL AND WE HAVE A VERY  
10 OPEN ELECTION SYSTEM, THE REALITY IS THAT IT'S TYPICALLY IN A  
11 STATEWIDE ELECTION, PRIMARY OR GENERAL, 1/3 OF THE VOTERS THAT  
12 WILL BE COUNTED IN THE ELECTION STILL REMAIN TO BE COUNTED  
13 AFTER ELECTION DAY. THIS ELECTION IS NO EXCEPTION TO THAT. WE  
14 ESTIMATED THE DAY AFTER THE ELECTION OF APPROXIMATELY 600,000  
15 BALLOTS IN L.A. COUNTY THAT REMAIN TO BE PROCESSED. THAT'S A  
16 COMBINATION OF VOTE-BY- MAIL BALLOTS THAT WERE DROPPED OFF BY  
17 POLLING PLACES ON ELECTION DAY, PROVISIONAL BALLOTS THAT WERE  
18 CAST AT POLLING PLACES THAT WILL BE CHECKED AND THOSE THAT  
19 WERE VALIDATED WILL BE COUNTED AND VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS THAT  
20 CAME IN MAIL DURING THE FINAL DAYS. THIS WAS THE FIRST  
21 ELECTION SEASON WHERE THE NEW LAW IN CALIFORNIA ALLOWS FOR  
22 VOTE-BY- MAIL BALLOTS THAT ARE POSTMARKED ON ELECTION DAY BUT  
23 RECEIVED WITHIN THREE DAYS OF THE ELECTION REMAIN VALID, AS  
24 WELL. WE DID OUR FIRST UPDATE OF ELECTION RESULTS ON FRIDAY.  
25 WE'LL DO OUR SECOND ONE THIS AFTERNOON AND AGAIN FRIDAY THIS



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1 WEEK AND WE'LL DO THAT TWICE A WEEK THROUGH THE CANVASS  
2 PERIOD. WITH REGARD TO PROVISIONAL BALLOTS, I THINK THIS IS AN  
3 UNFORTUNATE AREA IN THIS PARTICULAR CAMPAIGN SEASON OR  
4 ELECTION WHERE A LOT OF MISINFORMATION WAS OUT THERE. WE ARE  
5 AT THE TAIL END OF THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY CYCLE IN THE  
6 NATION. AND CALIFORNIA HAS VERY OPEN PROVISIONAL BALLOT  
7 REGULATIONS AS OPPOSED TO MANY STATES THAT HAVE RESTRICTIVE  
8 PROVISIONAL BALLOT RULES. PROVISIONAL BALLOTS IN CALIFORNIA  
9 ARE THE FAILSAFE METHOD OF VOTING. I'M NOT GOING TO PRETEND TO  
10 SAY THAT IT'S A GREAT EXPERIENCE TO GET A PROVISIONAL BALLOT.  
11 BUT WHAT I WILL TELL YOU IS THAT PROVISIONAL BALLOTS ARE A  
12 FORM OF ENFRANCHISEMENT IN CALIFORNIA. THEY ARE THE FAILSAFE  
13 THAT SAY IF YOU'RE AT A POLLING PLACE AND THEY CAN'T FIND YOU  
14 IN A ROSTER, THEY'RE NOT GOING TO TURN YOU AWAY, THEY ARE  
15 GOING TO ALLOW YOU TO VOTE. IF THEY SAY THAT YOU DID NOT  
16 RETURN A VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT BUT FOR SOME REASON THE RECORD  
17 SHOWS THAT YOU DID, WE'RE AGAIN NOT GOING TO TURN YOU AWAY SO  
18 YOU CAN'T VOTE. WE ARE GOING TO GIVE YOU A PROVISIONAL BALLOT  
19 SO THAT WE CAN RESEARCH THAT. STATISTICALLY IN L.A. COUNTY AND  
20 ACROSS CALIFORNIA, BUT L.A. COUNTY SPECIFICALLY, 85 TO 90  
21 PERCENT OF PROVISIONAL BALLOTS ARE VALIDATED AND COUNTED  
22 DURING THE CERTIFICATION PERIOD. THE NUMBER OF PROVISIONAL  
23 BALLOTS ISSUED IN THIS PRIMARY, WHILE HIGH, WAS NOT  
24 EXCEEDINGLY HIGH COMPARED TO OTHER HIGH- PROFILE, HIGH-VOLUME  
25 ELECTIONS AND AGAIN GIVEN THE NATURE OF THE CAMPAIGN AND THE



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1 PRESENCE OF PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES HERE IN THE COUNTY LEADING  
2 UP TO THIS ELECTION, I THINK AT THE END OF THIS CANVASS, THE  
3 VALIDITY OF THOSE PROVISIONAL BALLOTS WILL TURN OUT TO BE AN  
4 INDICATION THAT WE MADE SURE THAT EVERY VALID VOTE WAS COUNTED  
5 IN L.A. COUNTY. AGAIN, I WILL SAY THAT OUR HOPE IN THE FUTURE  
6 IS FOR A MORE MODERNIZED SYSTEM THAT WOULD MINIMIZE THE NEED  
7 FOR PROVISIONAL BALLOTS. BUT COMPARATIVELY TO OTHER STATES  
8 WHERE THEY HAVE VERY LOW RATES OF VALIDATION, CALIFORNIA DOES  
9 VALIDATE AND COUNT PROVISIONAL BALLOTS AT A VERY HIGH RATE.  
10 VOTE COUNTING HAS BEEN SLOWER THAN USUAL. I THINK THIS WAS AN  
11 ASSERTION MADE SPECIFICALLY ABOUT ELECTION NIGHT. WE DID WORK  
12 THROUGH ELECTION NIGHT. I THINK OUR OFFICIAL, SEMI- OFFICIAL  
13 FINAL RESULT DIDN'T COME OUT TILL ABOUT 5:00 IN THE MORNING  
14 THE DAY AFTER THE ELECTION. PART OF THAT IS SIMPLY THE  
15 GEOGRAPHY OF THIS COUNTY. 4,500 LOCATIONS THAT HAVE TO GET  
16 BACK CENTRALLY TO NORWALK. WE UTILIZED HELICOPTERS THROUGH THE  
17 L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND PATROL CARS TO DO THAT.  
18 GOING FIRST FROM THOSE 4,500 LOCATIONS TO 72 CHECK-IN CENTERS  
19 AND THEN BACK TO NORWALK. WE DID EMPLOY SOME NEW BALLOT  
20 ACCOUNTABILITY FEATURES IN OUR BALLOT PATH AT THE CENTRAL  
21 HEADQUARTERS THIS YEAR. THOSE WERE INTENDED TO ENSURE THAT WE  
22 COULD ACCOUNT FOR ALL THE BALLOTS THAT WENT THROUGH ALL THOSE  
23 CHANGES. THAT DID SLOW THE PROCESS DOWN, AS WELL AS A HIGHER  
24 NUMBER OF WRITE-IN VOTES. SO WE WILL ANALYZE THOSE ISSUES AND  
25 ENSURE THAT WE TAKE STEPS TO INCREASE THE SPEED TO THE EXTENT



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1 WE CAN WITHOUT SACRIFICING ACCURACY AND ACCOUNTABILITY IN THE  
2 NOVEMBER ELECTION. AGAIN, THE POST ELECTION CANVASSES ARE ON  
3 SCHEDULE AND ARE OPERATING AS PUBLISHED. THIS ONE, L.A. COUNTY  
4 CALLED THE THE ELECTION BEFORE ALL VOTES WERE COUNTED. I WANT  
5 TO BE REALLY CLEAR ON THE RECORD HERE THAT L.A. COUNTY, THE  
6 REGISTRAR'S OFFICE OR THE COUNTY IN GENERAL, WE'RE NOT IN THE  
7 BUSINESS OF CALLING THE OUTCOME OF THE ELECTION. WE DON'T DO  
8 THAT. WE COUNT THE VOTES AND WE CERTIFY THE VOTES. AND BY LAW,  
9 THERE'S A 30-DAY PERIOD POST ELECTION PROCESS TO DO THAT. THE  
10 ELECTION RESULTS ARE NOT CERTIFIED AND OFFICIAL IN L.A. COUNTY  
11 UNTIL THAT PROCESS IS DONE. SO WHILE THE MEDIA, OF COURSE, IN  
12 THIS PARTICULAR PRESIDENTIAL ENVIRONMENT, CAMPAIGN  
13 ENVIRONMENT, WAS EAGER TO MAKE CALLS ABOUT THE ELECTION  
14 RESULTS, THAT IS NOT A PROCESS THAT WE HAVE ANY OFFICIAL ROLE  
15 IN. SO, AGAIN, JUST TO SUMMARIZE, WE ARE A COUNTY. WE ARE THE  
16 LARGEST JURISDICTION IN THE UNITED STATES, WE HAVE 4.8 MILLION  
17 REGISTERED VOTERS, ABOUT 1.7 OF THOSE ARE PERMANENT VOTE-BY-  
18 MAIL VOTERS SPREAD OUT OF 4,500 LOCATIONS ON ELECTION DAY. OUR  
19 SYSTEM IS-- IN CALIFORNIA, I WILL SAY CALIFORNIA HAS MADE  
20 GREAT STRIDES IN ITS ELECTION LAWS, OPENING UP THE ELECTION  
21 PROCESS, ENSURING THAT VOTERS HAVE ACCESS TO VOTER  
22 REGISTRATION, THAT THEY HAVE ACCESS TO OPTIONS FOR RECEIVING A  
23 BALLOT. WHERE WE HAVE MORE WORK TO DO IN THE STATE OF  
24 CALIFORNIA AND L.A. COUNTY HAS BEEN WORKING ON THIS VERY HARD  
25 IS MATCHING THAT OPENNESS WITH A PROCESS ON ELECTION DAY THAT



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1    ALLOWS FOR THAT TO HAPPEN EFFICIENTLY. SO IT DOESN'T MAKE  
2    SENSE THAT WE HAVE VOTER REGISTRATION THAT STAYS OPEN UNTIL 15  
3    DAYS BEFORE THE ELECTION BUT WE HAVE TO PRINT THOSE ROSTERS 25  
4    DAYS BEFORE THE ELECTION. WE SHOULD HAVE A SYSTEM WHERE THOSE  
5    POLL WORKERS HAVE ACCESS TO LOOK UP THAT INFORMATION IN REAL  
6    TIME AND GET IT. AND WE HAVE A PLAN TO GET THERE. IT'S JUST  
7    GOING TO TAKE TIME TO DO THAT. SO AGAIN I JUST WANT TO SAY  
8    THAT WE ARE WORKING VERY HARD ON THE POST ELECTION  
9    CERTIFICATION. WE'LL COUNT A NUMBER, A HIGH NUMBER OF  
10    ADDITIONAL BALLOTS TODAY. WE TAKE VERY SERIOUSLY THE REPORTS  
11    OF ISSUES THAT PEOPLE ENCOUNTERED ON ELECTION DAY. WE KNOW  
12    THAT AGAIN, IN THE VAST MAJORITY OF OUR LOCATIONS, WE BELIEVE  
13    AND HAVE A GOOD RECORD THAT THINGS OPERATED WELL. BUT AGAIN  
14    THAT DOESN'T CHANGE THE INDIVIDUAL IMPACT FOR A VOTER,  
15    ESPECIALLY A NEW VOTER WHO IS NOT FAMILIAR WITH THE PROCESS.  
16    AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO DO WHAT WE BELIEVE IS NECESSARY TO  
17    IMPROVE THAT PROCESS AND SERVE THE VOTERS OF L.A. COUNTY.

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19    **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** GREAT. ANY QUESTIONS FROM BOARD  
20    MEMBERS? YES, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

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22    **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** THERE WAS A PROBLEM IN THE BALLOTS  
23    BEING-- THE SAMPLE BALLOTS BEING RECEIVED IN TIME FOR PEOPLE  
24    TO RESPOND BY ASKING, REQUESTING FOR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT. I



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1 KNOW AT MY HOME WE DIDN'T GET A BALLOT UNTIL ABOUT 14 DAYS  
2 BEFORE THE ELECTION.

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4 **DEAN LOGAN:** SO ON THE SAMPLE BALLOT MAILINGS, LEGALLY THOSE  
5 HAVE TO BE OUT BY 10 DAYS BEFORE THE ELECTION. I AGREE WITH  
6 YOU, THAT IS NOT ENOUGH TIME FOR A VOTER TO TURN THAT AROUND  
7 WITH A VOTE-BY-MAIL REQUEST. WE TRIED TO COMPENSATE FOR THAT  
8 THROUGH ONLINE VOTE-BY-MAIL REQUESTS AND THROUGH A WILL-CALL  
9 BALLOT PROGRAM THAT WE PILOTED FOR THIS ELECTION. I THINK THAT  
10 WORKED WELL IN THIS ELECTION. WE'LL PROBABLY EXPAND THAT FOR  
11 NOVEMBER. I ALSO THINK IN NOVEMBER BECAUSE WE HAD DIFFERENT  
12 PARTY BALLOTS, SO THERE WERE SO MANY VERSIONS OF THE SAMPLE  
13 BALLOT BASED UPON THE PARTISAN PRIMARY, THAT DELAYED THE  
14 PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION OF THOSE. WE SHOULD NOT EXPERIENCE  
15 THAT IN NOVEMBER BECAUSE IT IS A SINGLE BALLOT.

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17 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** OF THE APPROXIMATELY 560,000, 560,000  
18 BALLOTS STILL TO BE COUNTED, YOU'VE ALREADY COUNTED  
19 APPROXIMATELY WHAT? 30,000?

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21 **DEAN LOGAN:** WE COUNTED 66,000 ADDITIONAL BALLOTS ON FRIDAY. I  
22 DON'T HAVE THE COUNT FOR TODAY. TODAY'S COUNT SHOULD BE  
23 SIGNIFICANTLY MORE THAN THAT.

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1    **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** SO YOU'RE GOING TO BE RELEASING THOSE  
2    RESULTS EVERY TUESDAY AND FRIDAY?

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4    **DEAN LOGAN:** CORRECT. SO WE WILL START AT 1 O'CLOCK THIS  
5    AFTERNOON, WE'LL START TODAY'S RUN. AS SOON AS THOSE BALLOTS  
6    ARE-- AS SOON AS WE FINISHED ALL THE BALLOTS THAT ARE READY TO  
7    BE COUNTED, WE WILL PUBLISH THAT REPORT AND PUT IT OUT IN THE  
8    MEDIA AND SOCIAL MEDIA, AS WELL.

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10   **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** SO YOU PROBABLY HAVE AT LEAST TWO  
11   MORE WEEKS OF COUNTING?

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13   **DEAN LOGAN:** THAT'S CORRECT. WE WILL GO THROUGH-- WE ARE  
14   SCHEDULED TO CERTIFY THE ELECTION ON JULY 1ST. AGAIN, THESE  
15   NEXT-- THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK WILL BE LARGE UPDATES. AS WE  
16   GET FURTHER TOWARDS THE END OF THE CERTIFICATION, IT BECOMES  
17   THE MORE TEDIOUS BALLOTS THAT TAKE FURTHER REVIEW. WE DO  
18   EXHAUST A LOT OF EFFORT TO MAKE SURE EVERY BALLOT IS COUNTED  
19   AND WE WILL BE FINISHED ON JULY 1ST.

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21   **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** AND WHEN YOU RELEASE YOUR BALLOTS  
22   COUNT, WILL YOU ALSO RELEASE HOW MANY HAVE STILL TO BE COUNTED  
23   IN EACH OF THE VARIOUS AREAS OF THE COUNTY? OR WOULD IT JUST  
24   BE A RAW NUMBER?

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1   **DEAN LOGAN:** WHEN WE DO THE RELEASE TWICE A WEEK, WE WILL  
2   INCLUDE AN UPDATED ESTIMATE ON THE NUMBER OF BALLOTS THAT  
3   REMAIN TO BE PROCESSED. GETTING THAT DOWN TO THE INDIVIDUAL  
4   DISTRICT LEVEL CAN BE DIFFICULT. WE HAVE THE ABILITY TO DO  
5   THAT. WHAT WE TYPICALLY DO IS TAKE SPECIFIC REQUESTS FOR  
6   SPECIFIC DISTRICTS AND THEN WE HAVE REPORTS PREPARED BASED ON  
7   THAT. TYPICALLY THAT IS AROUND THE CONTESTS, OF COURSE, THAT  
8   ARE CLOSE.

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10   **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** YOUR RELEASE TIME IS 4:30?

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12   **DEAN LOGAN:** WE START THE UPDATE AT 1 O'CLOCK AND WE RELEASE AS  
13   SOON AS THAT'S DONE. SO TODAY IT'S LIKELY TO BE 4:30 BECAUSE  
14   OF THE VOLUME. AS WE GET FURTHER IN THE CANVASS, THAT WILL  
15   PROBABLY BE EARLIER ON THOSE DAYS.

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17   **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.

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19   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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21   **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** WE TALKED A LOT WHAT YOU WERE THINKING OF  
22   DOING FOR THE FUTURE. WE WERE LOOKING TO THE 2018 ELECTION AND  
23   OF COURSE BEYOND. AND YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT VARIOUS THINGS TO  
24   CONSIDER, ONE OF WHICH WAS EXPANDING THE NUMBER OF DAYS THAT,  
25   WHICH OF COURSE WE ALL WOULD HAVE TO AGREE TO, SO THAT PEOPLE



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1 COULD VOTE OVER A WEEKEND. AND VARIOUS NUMBERS OF WAYS THAT  
2 PEOPLE COULD ENTER THEIR BALLOTS. DO YOU THINK THAT THAT WILL  
3 MORE COMPLICATE OR UNCOMPLICATE THE KINDS OF ISSUES WE'VE HAD?  
4 I UNDERSTAND IN THE GUBERNATORIAL ELECTION, WE DON'T HAVE THE  
5 SAME KIND OF PARTISAN ISSUE AS WE DO WITH THE FEDERAL RULES  
6 ABOUT PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARIES. BUT DO YOU THINK THAT SOME OF  
7 THAT WILL HELP BY SORT OF SMOOTHING OUT PEOPLE COMING AND  
8 HAVING MORE TIME?

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10 **DEAN LOGAN:** I DO. I THINK THE MODEL OF VOTING THAT WE ENVISION  
11 IN THE FUTURE AND WE'VE DONE CONSIDERABLE RESEARCH ON THIS AND  
12 THERE'S ACTUALLY LEGISLATION PENDING IN SACRAMENTO. I WILL GO  
13 THE END OF THIS MONTH TO TESTIFY ON A BILL THAT HELPS MOVE  
14 THAT AS A LOCAL OPTION. SO THAT WILL COME BACK HERE TO THIS  
15 BOARD WHEN AND IF WE DECIDE TO MOVE THAT DIRECTION IN L.A.  
16 THAT MODEL IS BASED ON MOVING AWAY FROM INDIVIDUAL SINGLE  
17 POLLING PLACES. SO YOU AS A VOTER ONLY HAVE ONE OPTION OF  
18 WHERE TO GO TO VOTE ON ELECTION DAY IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD TO A  
19 VOTE CENTER ENVIRONMENT THAT WOULD ALLOW YOU TO GO TO ONE OF  
20 SEVERAL HUNDRED LOCATIONS LOCATED THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY IN A  
21 10-DAY PERIOD. AND THOSE LOCATIONS, IT INCREASED THE NUMBER  
22 LEADING UP TO ELECTION DAY. SO 10 DAYS OUT BEFORE THE  
23 ELECTION, THERE MAY BE, I'M JUST THROWING THESE NUMBERS OUT  
24 NOW BECAUSE THEY ARE STILL WORKING ON THE FORMULAS. THERE MAY  
25 BE 400 LOCATIONS. BUT AS WE GET TO THE WEEKEND BEFORE THE



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1 ELECTION, THAT WOULD INCREASE TO MAYBE 600 OR 700 LOCATIONS  
2 THAT WOULD BE AVAILABLE ALL THE WAY THROUGH ELECTION DAY. YOU  
3 AS A VOTER TO GO TO EITHER ONE OF THOSE LOCATIONS. ALL OF  
4 THOSE LOCATIONS WOULD HAVE REAL TIME ACCESS TO THE VOTER FILE.  
5 AND IN FACT IN CALIFORNIA, THE LAW IS ALREADY ON THE BOOKS  
6 THAT ONCE THAT'S IN PLACE, WE WILL ALSO HAVE SAME DAY VOTER  
7 REGISTRATION. SO IF THERE IS ANY QUESTION ABOUT YOUR PARTY  
8 CHOICE OR THE ADDRESS YOU'RE REGISTERED TO VOTE AT, YOU COULD  
9 CHANGE THAT ON SITE AT THE TIME OF VOTING AND HAVE THAT  
10 UPDATED IN A REAL TIME BASIS AND WE WOULD KNOW THAT YOU VOTED  
11 IN PLACE A, SO IF YOU SHOWED UP IN PLACE B, WE WOULDN'T LET  
12 YOU VOTE AGAIN. SO THAT PROCESS, AUGMENTED WITH VOTE BY MAIL,  
13 I BELIEVE SIMPLIFIES THE PROCESS, INCREASES ACCESS AND  
14 RESPONDS TO THE MANNER IN WHICH OUR ELECTORATE FUNCTIONS ON A  
15 REGULAR BASIS. IT GIVES US OPTIONS AND CHOICES THAT THE  
16 CURRENT SYSTEM DOESN'T. AND CERTAINLY FOR POLL WORKERS AND  
17 ELECTION ADMINISTRATORS, IT ELIMINATES A LOT OF THESE MANUAL  
18 PROCESSES THAT ARE JUST SUBJECT TO HUMAN ERROR.

19  
20 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** I THINK IT ALSO BEHOOVES US TO THINK ABOUT  
21 FOR 2020 THAT EVERY PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY AND PRESIDENTIAL  
22 GENERAL WE COULD HAVE A REPEAT OF WHAT HAS HAPPENED. AS A  
23 MATTER OF FACT, WE WANT TO, IN A WAY, IN TERMS OF A LOT OF  
24 PEOPLE SIGNING UP TO VOTE.

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1    **DEAN LOGAN:** ABSOLUTELY.

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3    **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** I THINK IT'S VERY IMPORTANT FOR PEOPLE TO  
4    SIGN UP TO VOTE. BUT AS YOU POINTED OUT AND AS I SAW EVEN IN  
5    MY OWN AREA AND PEOPLE EMAILING ME LIKE, WHAT DO I DO? A LOT  
6    OF PEOPLE DON'T REALLY KNOW IT. THEY SIGN UP TO VOTE. THEY  
7    HAVE NOT VOTED BEFORE, A LOT OF YOUNG VOTERS. AND THEY DON'T  
8    FEEL THAT THEY WERE REALLY TOLD SUFFICIENTLY WHAT IT WOULD  
9    MEAN. FOR INSTANCE IF THEY SIGNED UP AND THEY GOT A BALLOT BY  
10   MAIL THAT THEY WERE SUPPOSED TO BRING IT WITH THEM IF THEY  
11   DECIDED NOT TO MAIL IT IN. I DON'T READ EVERYTHING THAT COMES  
12   ON MY ELECTRICITY BILL. AND THEY ALWAYS SAY "WELL, WE TOLD  
13   YOU." BUT I THINK IT'S GOING TO HAVE TO BE THE CASE THAT WE  
14   SOMEHOW, BIG PRINT AND RED PRINT, SOME OF THOSE IMPORTANT  
15   THINGS FOR THE VOTER. BECAUSE JUST TAKING INTO ACCOUNT PEOPLE  
16   DO NOT PAY ATTENTION WHEN SOMETHING IS NOT KNOWN TO THEM. THEY  
17   NEED TO BE TOLD IT. WHEN YOU SEND OUT A CAMPAIGN MAILER, YOU  
18   DO IT FIVE TIMES BECAUSE THEY TELL YOU NOBODY'S EVEN GOING TO  
19   REMEMBER YOUR NAME UNLESS YOU SEND THEM FIVE THINGS. I HAVE TO  
20   APOLOGIZE TO THE PEOPLE WHO REMEMBERED THE FIRST TIME BECAUSE  
21   THEY HATE GETTING ALL THAT PAPER. BUT I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT  
22   THAT WE EMPHASIZE AND REALLY EARLY ON, IF YOU REGISTER BY MAIL  
23   AND THEN DON'T VOTE BY MAIL, BRING IT WITH YOU.

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1   **DEAN LOGAN:** I AGREE WITH THAT. BY THE WAY, THAT IS ANOTHER  
2   FUNCTION THAT IN THE VOTE CENTER ENVIRONMENT THAT WOULD GO  
3   AWAY BECAUSE WE WOULD BE IN REAL TIME BE ABLE TO SUSPEND THAT  
4   VOTE-BY- MAIL BALLOT SO YOU WOULDN'T HAVE TO HAVE IT WITH YOU.  
5   SO I WOULD COMPLETELY--

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7   **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** YOU WOULD INVALIDATE THE VOTE-BY-MAIL  
8   BALLOT THAT HADN'T COME IN YET.

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10   **DEAN LOGAN:** CORRECT.

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12   **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** AND THEN PEOPLE COULD VOTE WITH A REGULAR  
13   BALLOT.

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15   **DEAN LOGAN:** EXACTLY, YEAH. I JUST WANT TO COMMENT, I SHARE  
16   YOUR VIEW. I THINK THAT IF YOU STEP BACK AND LOOK AT THE WAY  
17   THAT THE PRIMARY SYSTEM WORKS, IT WAS NOT DESIGNED WITH VOTERS  
18   IN MIND. IT WAS DESIGNED AROUND THE FUNCTION OF NOMINATING  
19   UNDER PARTY RULES, NOT THAT THERE'S ANYTHING WRONG WITH THAT.  
20   BUT IT'S VERY CONFUSING FOR VOTERS. AND THOSE RULES CHANGE  
21   EVERY FOUR YEARS. SO WE HAVE NOT HAD THE SAME KIND OF PRIMARY  
22   IN CALIFORNIA CONSISTENTLY OVER TWO PERIODS OF TIME FOR  
23   DECADES. SO THOSE RULES DO CHANGE.

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1    **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** I THINK WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO DO SOMETHING  
2    ABOUT THIS INDEPENDENT PARTY ISSUE. PEOPLE REALLY BELIEVE THEY  
3    ARE INDEPENDENT. THEY ARE REGISTERED AS INDEPENDENTS.  
4    [APPLAUSE] NO NEED TO APPLAUD. I THINK PEOPLE ACTUALLY SHOULD  
5    KNOW WHEN THEY REGISTER FOR A PARTY. BUT, OKAY. BUT I  
6    UNDERSTAND PEOPLE THINK I'M AN INDEPENDENT. I'LL REGISTER  
7    INDEPENDENT. I DON'T KNOW WHAT THAT PARTY THING MEANS. MAYBE  
8    WE'LL MAKE IT CLEARER. ALTHOUGH, YOU KNOW, IF YOU MAKE  
9    SOMETHING CLEARER, I HAVE TO SAY I DON'T THINK IT WAS OUR  
10    FAULT THAT THERE WAS AN INDEPENDENT PARTY ON THE BALLOT AND  
11    WAS VERY CONFUSING. DIDN'T OCCUR TO ME THEY WOULD REGISTER  
12    WITH THAT PARTY RATHER THAN NO POLITICAL PREFERENCE OR DECLINE  
13    TO STATE OR SOMETHING. BUT SOMETIMES WE HAVE TO THINK ABOUT  
14    WHAT WILL OCCUR TO PEOPLE. I CERTAINLY AGREE WITH THE PEOPLE  
15    IN THE AUDIENCE ABOUT THAT. I WANT TO TAKE POSITIVE INITIAL  
16    STEPS FOR THE NEXT TIME AND THE NEXT TIME AND THE NEXT TIME.  
17    AND I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT-- I ALWAYS THINK WE SHOULD HIRE I  
18    GUESS NOW THEY'RE CALLED HACKTIVISTS. BUT SOMEBODY WHO WILL GO  
19    THROUGH AND GO "HERE'S EVERYTHING THAT I COULD POSSIBLY DO  
20    WRONG GIVEN THIS BALLOT ON TERMS OF WHAT I'M THINKING" AND  
21    THEN SEE IF WE CAN AVOID IT.

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23    **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I WILL SAY THAT DEAN LOGAN AND HIS  
24    FOLKS I THINK HAVE DONE A REALLY GOOD JOB BECAUSE AS SOON AS  
25    WE GOT MEDIA ATTENTION THAT THERE WERE SOME ISSUES, I KNOW HE



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1 STEPPED UP AND DID A LOT OF-- I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY INTERVIEWS  
2 YOU DID BEING OUT THERE. CERTAINLY WE'VE LEARNED A LOT AND I  
3 TEND TO AGREE THAT THE MORE INFORMATION WE CAN HAVE AHEAD OF  
4 TIME, BECAUSE WE GOT A LOT OF CALLS, AS WELL, REGARDING  
5 CONFUSION ABOUT HAVING TO CARRY AN ABSENTEE BALLOT IN SO THAT  
6 YOU COULD VOTE. FOR A LOT OF PEOPLE THAT LEFT THAT ON THE  
7 COUNTER OR CLEANED UP THEIR KITCHEN COUNTER AND THEY DON'T  
8 KNOW WHERE THEY'VE PUT IT, THAT WAS A PROBLEM, I'M SURE. BUT  
9 MORE IMPORTANTLY, THE DESIGNATION AS AN INDEPENDENT VOTE, I  
10 AGREE. AMERICAN INDEPENDENT IS NOT THE SAME AS AN INDEPENDENT.  
11 AND THAT OBVIOUSLY HAS TO BE CLEARED UP BEFORE WE GO THROUGH  
12 THIS AGAIN IF WE CAN-- WE'RE GOING TO SEE THIS THIS HAPPEN THE  
13 NEXT FOUR YEARS. BUT AGAIN I APPRECIATE AND APPLAUD WHAT  
14 YOU'RE DOING. I THINK ALL OF US ARE LEARNING SO MUCH ABOUT  
15 THIS PROCESS. AND WHAT I AM REALLY EXCITED ABOUT IS THAT SO  
16 MANY PEOPLE WANTED TO EXERCISE THEIR RIGHT. AND WE'VE GOT TO  
17 MAKE THAT COMFORTABLE AND PLAUSIBLE FOR THEM. AND I LIKE THE  
18 IDEA THAT WE'RE MOVING TOWARDS AN AREA WHERE PEOPLE CAN JUST  
19 GO TO A CENTER AND BE ABLE TO DO THAT. I REMEMBER A WHILE BACK  
20 WE HAD SOME TEST PILOT PROGRAMS. I KNOW AT WEST COVINA LIBRARY  
21 THEY HAD A SYSTEM IN PLACE SO EVEN THOUGH IT WAS A COUPLE OF  
22 MILES FOR ME I COULD STILL GO THERE AND VOTE RIGHT THERE. AND  
23 NOT HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT PAPER OR ANYTHING. AND IF IT WAS  
24 CONVENIENT, IT WORKED. SO JUST LOOKING, THINKING OUTSIDE OF  
25 THE BOX AGAIN AND THEN RAMPING THAT UP AS WE GET CLOSER TO THE



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1 DATE THAT WE VOTE WOULD BE INCREDIBLE. SO AGAIN THANK YOU. I  
2 KNOW WE HAVE-- ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS? WE HAVE  
3 OVER 50 SPEAKERS. SO THIS ITEM, WHILE IT'S VERY IMPORTANT,  
4 WE'RE GOING TO ALLOW PEOPLE TO SPEAK FOR 1 MINUTE. SO I'M JUST  
5 GOING TO CALL NAMES UP AND PEOPLE CAN LINE UP. AND WE'LL DO  
6 THEM IN SCORES OF-- GROUPS OF FOUR, OKAY? AND THEN WE'LL GO  
7 FROM THERE. AND OUR STAFF DID TRY TO SPEAK TO FOLKS THAT  
8 WANTED TO SPEAK ON THE ISSUE TO SEE IF THERE WAS ANY LEAD  
9 GROUP OR INDIVIDUALS THAT WANTED TO KIND OF SPEAK LONGER TO  
10 REPRESENT MORE FOLKS BUT I GUESS THAT DIDN'T PRESENT ITSELF.  
11 SO WE TRIED. OKAY. WITH THAT, SO LET'S GO AHEAD AND WE'LL  
12 START WITH THE FIRST FOUR OR FIVE SPEAKERS. SUSAN O'KEEFFE.  
13 CARLOS MARROQUIN. JEANNA HARRIS. JULIE LEVINE. WENDY O'TERRY.  
14 AND PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD AS YOU COME FORWARD.  
15 WE CAN FILL UP THE THREE SEATS IN THE FRONT, IF PEOPLE CAN  
16 START LINING UP SO WE CAN TRY TO EXPEDITE THIS PROCESS. THANK  
17 YOU VERY MUCH. FIRST SPEAKER, MA'AM.

18

19 **SUZANNE O'KEEFFE:** HELLO, MY NAME IS SUSAN O'KEEFFE AND I  
20 STARTED COUNT OUR VOTES CALIFORNIA WHEN I SAW A LOT OF  
21 PROBLEMS THAT WERE HAPPENING IN OTHER STATES. AND I CAME TO  
22 EXPRESS SOME OF THE CONCERNS I HAD. AND I WAS VERY FORTUNATE  
23 THAT DEAN LOGAN AND BRIAN STIGER BOTH WERE TRYING TO HELP ME  
24 RECTIFY SOME OF THE PROBLEMS. UNFORTUNATELY, THERE WERE STILL  
25 PLENTY OF PROBLEMS ON ELECTION DAY. AND WE HAVE A ROOMFUL OF



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1 PEOPLE IF THEY COULD STAND UP THAT HAVE HAD EXPERIENCES EITHER  
2 AS POLL WORKERS OR POLL INSPECTORS AS WELL AS CONCERNED VOTERS  
3 THAT HAD REAL ISSUES. AND WE HAVE SOME REQUESTS AFTER YOU HEAR  
4 ALL THEIR TESTIMONIES. ONE IS TO COUNT BALLOTS FASTER BECAUSE  
5 THERE'S A LOOMING STATE DELEGATE DEADLINE. AND HAVE AN  
6 INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION OF HOW SOME OF THESE SHIFTS HAVE  
7 HAPPENED IN THEIR REGISTRATION.

8

9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU, MA'AM. NEXT SPEAKER.

10

11 **CARLOS MARROQUIN:** YES, GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS CARLOS  
12 MARROQUIN. FIRST I'D LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO  
13 BE HERE AND SPEAK TO YOU REGARDING THIS VERY IMPORTANT ISSUE.  
14 I'D LIKE TO COMMEND MR. DEAN LOGAN FOR HIS WORK. I KNOW THAT  
15 IT'S A LARGE UNDERTAKING, THAT MISTAKES, AND IT'S BEEN VERY  
16 HARD FRUSTRATING FOR MANY OF US. WE DID COME TO SOUND THE  
17 ALARM ABOUT A MONTH BEFORE THE ELECTIONS OF THE ISSUES THAT WE  
18 ALREADY HAD UNCOVERED THAT WERE BEING PRESENTED, INCLUDING  
19 PEOPLE BEING DROPPED FROM THE ROLLS THAT HAD BEEN LONG TIME  
20 VOTERS. AND EVEN ON ELECTION DAY, THEY STILL COULDN'T FIND  
21 THEIR NAMES. IT WAS VERY FRUSTRATING. I AM AN ORGANIZER WITH  
22 THE BERNIE SANDERS BRIGADE. I DO REPRESENT A LOT OF VOTERS  
23 THAT-- [APPLAUSE] -- FEEL THAT THEY WERE CHEATED IN MANY  
24 DIFFERENT WAYS, WHETHER IT WAS PURPOSELY OR NOT. THAT'S  
25 SOMETHING THAT NEEDS TO BE DISCOVERED. BUT WE DO HAVE



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1 CONCERNS. AND THOSE CONCERNS NEED TO BE ADDRESSED ALL THE WAY  
2 FROM THE TOP. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

5

6 **JEANNA HARRIS:** HI. GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS JEANNA HARRIS AND  
7 I WAS A POLL INSPECTOR. AND I WAS ONE PERSON AT MY PRECINCT  
8 WHERE MY MACHINE DID BREAK RATHER EARLY ON AND IT WAS NOT  
9 REPLACED DESPITE MY PRECINCT COORDINATOR TELLING ME SHE WOULD  
10 HAVE TO GO FROM WESTCHESTER TO NORWALK AND BACK OUT AGAIN,  
11 WHICH WAS VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE DURING A BUSY TUESDAY WITH L.A.  
12 TRAFFIC. AND WE ALSO HAD-- ONE THING I WANT TO POINT OUT, I  
13 HAD A LOT OF NEW IMMIGRANTS WHO CAME TO VOTE, WHO I HAD TO  
14 GIVE PROVISIONAL BALLOTS BECAUSE THEY WERE NOT ON THE ROSTER.  
15 COULD YOU IMAGINE THE KENYAN FRIEND WE JUST HAD THERE,  
16 RECENTLY COMING HERE, THINKING HE'S ABOUT TO VOTE. HE LOVES  
17 OUR COUNTRY AND CANNOT? I LITERALLY SAW PEOPLE BREAK DOWN TO  
18 TEARS BECAUSE THEY WERE READ TO TAKE PICTURES OF THEM VOTING  
19 AND I HAD TO HAND THEM THIS PRETTY LITTLE PINK ENVELOPE  
20 SAYING, YOUR VOTE WON'T COUNT TODAY AND I'M REALLY SORRY. SO  
21 THAT'S A PROBLEM. I WOULD REALLY ENCOURAGE YOU GUYS TO QUICKLY  
22 MOVE THROUGH THIS TRYING TO GET A BETTER VOTING SYSTEM WITH US  
23 HAVING THE LARGEST IN THE COUNTRY, I THINK THAT WE NEED TO SET  
24 PRECEDENT FOR THIS ENTIRE COUNTRY BEING THE BEST VOTING  
25 SYSTEM.



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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

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4 **WENDY O'TERRY:** MY NAME IS WENDY O'TERRY. I'M NOT A NEW VOTER.

5 I'M NOT AN UNEXPERIENCED VOTER. I'M NOT A FIRST-TIME VOTER.

6 YES, I WAS LISTED WRONG IN THE REGISTRAR. I HAD MY CARD FROM

7 THE COUNTY REGISTRAR'S OFFICE. I WAS TOLD I NEEDED A

8 PROVISIONAL BALLOT. I PROVED MY AFFILIATE-- PARTY OF

9 AFFILIATION, DEMANDED THE CORRECT BALLOT. MY NAME WAS-- PARTY

10 AFFILIATION IN THE ROLLS WAS CROSSED OUT. THERE WAS NO

11 SUPPLEMENTAL REGISTER AT MY POLLING PLACE. I VOTED WITH MY

12 PARTY AFFILIATION, AND I DON'T THINK THIS EVER SHOULD HAVE

13 OCCURRED. I THINK THERE WAS PLENTY OF TIME TO COMPUTERIZE, TO

14 GET REAL TIME VOTING. WE KNEW THE PROBLEMS THAT WERE GOING TO

15 OCCUR THIS YEAR. THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. NEXT SPEAKER.

18

19 **JULIE LEVINE:** MY NAME IS JULIE LEVINE. I WAS A POLL WORKER AT

20 COLDWELL BANKER IN TOPANGA. OF 230 VOTERS, CLOSE TO HALF OF

21 THEM HAD TO VOTE PROVISIONALLY. WE HAD ALL OF THE PROBLEMS

22 INDICATED. WE DID NOT RECEIVE OUR SUPPLEMENTAL ROSTERS, SO

23 THOSE PEOPLE HAD TO VOTE PROVISIONALLY. MANY PEOPLE WERE

24 LISTED ERRONEOUSLY AS VOTE BY MAIL. AND THEREFORE COULD NOT

25 SURRENDER THEIR BALLOTS, ALSO FORCED TO VOTE PROVISIONALLY.





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1 MANY WERE SWITCHED, THEY CLAIM, AGAINST THEIR-- WHAT THEY  
2 ASKED FOR, FROM DEMOCRAT PRIMARILY TO AMERICAN INDEPENDENT AND  
3 A FEW TO PEACE AND FREEDOM PARTY. WE ALSO HAD A JAMMED  
4 MACHINE. AS A RESULT, WE HAD MANY BENT AND DAMAGED BALLOTS.  
5 AND WE DID RUN OUT OF DEMOCRATIC BALLOTS. AND MANY, MANY  
6 PEOPLE WERE FORCED TO VOTE WITH EMERGENCY BALLOTS. I WANT TO  
7 CONCLUDE BY SAYING THAT WITH ALL OF THESE NEW VOTERS, IF WE  
8 TRULY ARE CONCERNED ABOUT CONTINUING AS SUPERVISOR KUEHL HAS  
9 INDICATED ABOUT KEEPING THESE PEOPLE ENGAGED, WE NEED TO  
10 ADDRESS THESE PROBLEMS NOW. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

11  
12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE HAVE SEVERAL OTHER SPEAKERS.  
13 PAUL MEKHEDJIAN. KATHARIN KANA. STEVE STOKES. NOEMI TUNGUI.  
14 JASON SCHADEWALD. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD.

15  
16 **PAUL MEKHEDJIAN:** HELLO, HI, MY NAME IS PAUL MEKHEDJIAN. I  
17 SERVED AS A CLERK IN PRECINCT 10400178 IN CASTAIC. BOTH MY  
18 POLL INSPECTOR AND I WERE FULLY TRAINED BUT OUR LOCATION WAS  
19 INSUFFICIENTLY STAFFED. BOTH MY POLL INSPECTOR AND I FOUND OUT  
20 WE WERE CONFIRMED TO SERVE JUST ONE WEEK BEFORE THE ELECTION.  
21 WHEN THE POLLS OPENED AT 7 A.M. IT WAS JUST THE TWO OF US ON  
22 SITE AND I SINGLE-HANDEDLY PLAYED THE ROLE OF ROSTER CLERK,  
23 STREET INDEX CLERK AND BALLOT CLERK. BUT THAT'S NOT WHY I'M  
24 HERE. I BELIEVE MANY OF THE ISSUES BROUGHT FORWARD TO YOU  
25 TODAY COULD HAVE BEEN PREVENTED HAD THE INSTRUCTIONAL TRAINING



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1 DOCUMENTATION BEEN THOROUGH AND QUALITY CONTROLLED. HAD THESE  
2 DOCUMENTS ACTUALLY BEEN Q.C.'D AND Q.A.'D AGAINST THE ACTUAL  
3 POLL WORKING EXPERIENCE IT WOULD BE CRYSTAL CLEAR THAT MANY  
4 OPEN LOOMING QUESTIONS COULD HAVE BEEN ADDRESSED, AND SHOW-  
5 STOPPING SITUATIONS AVERTED, SUCH AS THE ERRONEOUS ISSUANCE OF  
6 PROVISIONAL BALLOTS TO VALID CROSSOVER-FRIENDLY NO PARTY  
7 PREFERENCE VOTERS. COMPLETE LACK OF INSTRUCTIONS HOW TO CLOSE  
8 OUT THE BALLOT RECORDER AT THE END OF THE NIGHT AND THE  
9 UNNECESSARY TAXPAYER EXPENSE OF CELL PHONES BETTER SUITED FOR  
10 THE T.V. SHOW "HOMELAND" THAT DELIVERED PASSWORDS TO THE  
11 BALLOT MACHINES.

12  
13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER.

14  
15 **KATHARIN KANA:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS KATHARIN KANA AND I  
16 SERVED AS A INSPECTOR AT THE MARK TWAIN MIDDLE SCHOOL IN  
17 VENICE. I HAD SEVERAL ISSUES THAT DAY. THE FIRST ONE WAS THAT  
18 I DIDN'T RECEIVE SUPPLEMENTAL BLUE PAGES TO UPDATE MY ROSTER.  
19 EVEN THOUGH WE WERE TOLD AT THE TRAINING THAT WOULD HAPPEN,  
20 THAT DID NOT HAPPEN. THEREFORE WE HAD TO ISSUE MANY  
21 PROVISIONAL BALLOTS. SECONDLY, I HAD BEEN ASSIGNED TWO POLL  
22 WORKERS. I HAD CONTACTED THEM THE NIGHT BEFORE. ONE WAS AN  
23 UNREACHABLE. THE SECOND ONE WAS REACHABLE. BUT AN HOUR LATER  
24 SHE TOLD ME SHE WAS REASSIGNED TO A DIFFERENT PRECINCT WHICH  
25 FORCED ME TO WORK ALONE, SET UP THE STATION ALONE, WHICH



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1 CAUSED DELAYS AND THEREFORE MY POLL WAS NOT ACTIVELY AT 7 A.M.  
2 THEREFORE I HAD TO ISSUE PROVISIONAL BALLOTS FOR THE VOTERS,  
3 MANY OF WHOM WERE VERY UPSET. WE HAD A PASSWORD MISSING FOR  
4 THE BALLOT BOX. NOBODY WAS ISSUED A PASSWORD ON TIME. WE  
5 DIDN'T EVEN KNOW ABOUT IT THAT IT WAS GOING TO HAVE A PASSWORD  
6 NEEDED. THIS ALSO CAUSED DELAYS. AND THEREFORE FORCED US TO  
7 USE PROVISIONAL BALLOTS. MAIL-IN BALLOTS. PEOPLE CAME IN  
8 WITHOUT, AND MYSELF, AS WELL. I HAD TO VOTE PROVISIONALLY  
9 BECAUSE MAIL-IN BALLOTS WERE NOT ISSUED IN TIME.

10

11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. NEXT SPEAKER.

12

13 **STEVE STOKES:** MY NAME IS STEVE STOKES. I RE-REGISTERED AS A  
14 DEMOCRAT IN FEBRUARY OF 2016 IN ORDER TO RUN FOR U.S. SENATE.  
15 AT MY POLLING PLACE ON JUNE 7TH MY STATUS WAS STILL LISTED AS  
16 NO PARTY PREFERENCE. ADDITIONALLY, I WAS LISTED AS VOTE BY  
17 MAIL, ALTHOUGH I HAVE NEVER BEFORE VOTED BY MAIL AND DO NOT  
18 BELIEVE THAT I REQUESTED THIS CHANGE. I WAS OFFERED A  
19 PROVISIONAL BALLOT WHICH I DECLINED. THE YOUNGER FEMALE POLL  
20 WORKER OFFERED A PROVISIONAL BALLOT, STATED THAT MANY OF THE  
21 VOTERS THAT DAY HAD COMPLAINED OF BEING IN VOTE-BY-MAIL STATUS  
22 WITHOUT REQUESTING IT. I CALLED THE NUMBER AT THE COUNTY  
23 RECORDER'S OFFICE PROVIDED BY THE OLDER MALE POLL WORKER. THE  
24 WORKER ON THE PHONE IN NORWALK OFFERED TO CHECK MY STATUS BY  
25 MAIL AND CONFIRM THAT INDEED IT WAS VOTE BY MAIL. WHEN I



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1 EXPRESSED THAT I HAD NOT REQUESTED TO BE VOTE BY MAIL, SHE  
2 STATED THAT MANY PEOPLE WERE CHANGED TO VOTE-BY-MAIL STATUS TO  
3 AVOID AN EXPECTED CRUSH OF HIGH VOTER TURNOUT. RECOGNIZING  
4 THAT THE SITUATION DESCRIBED WAS IRREGULAR AND ILLEGAL, I  
5 ASKED IF SHE WOULD BE WILLING TO RESTATE THAT WHAT SHE WAS  
6 TELLING ME FOR THE MEDIA. SHE SAID THAT SHE WOULD AND GAVE ME  
7 HER NAME. AND DURING THIS CONVERSATION, THE POLL INSPECTOR HAD  
8 ARRIVED. AND AT ONE POINT INTERCEDED AND HELD MY TELEPHONE AT  
9 THE POINT WHEN THE WORKER STATED THIS, MY PHONE WAS ON  
10 SPEAKERPHONE AND THE POLL INSPECTOR OVERHEARD THE STATEMENT.  
11 THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR. NEXT SPEAKER?

14

15 **NOEMI TUNGUI:** HELLO. MY NAME'S NOEMI TUNGUI. I'M AN L.G.B.T.Q.  
16 LATINA IMMIGRANT. I BECAME A CITIZEN IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO  
17 VOTE FOR THIS ELECTION AND I WAS SO EXCITED THAT I LED  
18 VOLUNTEERS TO CANVASS IN NEVADA, ARIZONA AND CALIFORNIA. IN  
19 ARIZONA I WENT TO MARICOPA COUNTY ON THE DAY OF THE ELECTION  
20 WHERE I WITNESSED VOTER SUPPRESSION UP UNTIL MIDNIGHT WHERE WE  
21 HANDED OUT WATER AND SNACKS. I HEAR THAT HAPPENS FREQUENTLY,  
22 BUT YET NOBODY REALLY SPEAKS ABOUT ALL THESE VOTER ISSUES. SO  
23 WHILE I'M GLAD TO HEAR THAT YOU GUYS WILL WORK FOR THE NEXT  
24 ELECTION, I WANT TO KNOW WHAT WILL HAPPEN WITH THIS ELECTION.  
25 AS WELL AS I CANVASSED UP TO THE VERY LAST MINUTE AND I STILL



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1 HAD NUMEROUS PHONE CALLS AND EMAILS FROM FRIENDS WHO WERE  
2 PANICKING BECAUSE THEIR REGISTRATION HAD SWITCHED, SO I JUST  
3 WANT ANSWERS.

4

5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, NOEMI. NEXT SPEAKER?

6

7 **JASON SCHADEWALD:** HI, MY NAME IS JASON SCHADEWALD, AND I'M A  
8 DELEGATE ELECT FOR DISTRICT 67, THAT'S JUDY CHU'S DISTRICT.  
9 AND FIRST OF ALL I DID REALLY APPRECIATE THE PRESENTATION BY  
10 REGISTRAR DEAN LOGAN. I APPRECIATE COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS BY  
11 SUPERVISOR KUEHL. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THAT. YOU'RE GOING  
12 TO HEAR A LOT OF STORIES TODAY ABOUT WHAT WENT WRONG. I WANT  
13 TO TALK ABOUT THINGS THAT WE COULD DO BETTER, LIKE OUTREACH TO  
14 NEW AND YOUNG VOTERS THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA, FOR EXAMPLE. YOU'VE  
15 GOT A LOT OF THINGS OUT THERE THAT SNAIL MAIL, THROUGH  
16 TELEVISION ADS, WHICH ARE QUITE EXPENSIVE, I'VE HEARD. AND  
17 THEN THE WEBSITE, QUITE GOOD, NOT UP TO PAR WITH MODERN SOCIAL  
18 MEDIA. SO I THINK IF YOU DID MORE FOR TWITTER, FACEBOOK, THAT  
19 TYPE OF THING, THAT COULD GO A LONG WAY. IN ADDITION, I WOULD  
20 HOPE TO SEE MATERIALS AT THE VOTING LOCATIONS. THANK YOU VERY  
21 MUCH.

22

23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OKAY. WE HAVE BOBBIE  
24 MCGOWAN. BOBBIE MCGOWAN. SHE'S COMING. AND WE ALSO HAVE RUBEN



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1 SIERRA AND MARCIA MARTIN. AND STEVEN METOYER. GO AHEAD. GO

2 AHEAD, MS. MCGOWAN. HI, HOW ARE YOU?

3

4 **BOBBIE MCGOWAN:** OKAY, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I'M BOBBIE MCGOWAN,  
5 FORMER MAYOR OF TEMPLE CITY AND I'M HERE TODAY BECAUSE I'M  
6 VERY UPSET ABOUT THE PROCEEDINGS THAT HAVE GONE ON. I HOPE YOU  
7 WILL LOOK AT BOTH SIDES OF THE COIN. MR. LOGAN PRESENTED A  
8 VERY NICE, WHATEVER. AND I ONLY HAVE TO TELL YOU THAT I CALLED  
9 HIS OFFICE LIKE A MONTH AND A HALF AGO AND ASKED TO SPEAK TO  
10 HIM. AT THAT TIME I WAS TOLD THE F.B.I. WAS WITH HIM AND THEY  
11 WERE INVESTIGATING FRAUDS WITHIN THE VOTING SYSTEM. WHAT THEY  
12 SAID, WHAT I WAS TOLD FROM HIS DEPUTY, WAS THAT SOLICITORS  
13 WERE TURNING BALLOTS THAT SAID REPUBLICAN INTO DEMOCRAT BEFORE  
14 THEY WERE TURNING THEM IN. SO YOU MIGHT FIND OUT IF THE F.B.I.  
15 REALLY WAS THERE AND WHY. IN RETROSPECT, ONE OF MY FRIENDS,  
16 WHO IS A COLLEGE PROFESSOR, SAID SHE ASKED PEOPLE IN HER CLASS  
17 AND THEY SAID THEY CHECKED THEIR BALLOTS AND THEY WERE  
18 REGISTERED AS REPUBLICANS WHERE IN FACT THEY WERE DEMOCRATS. I  
19 FOUND IT VERY ANNOYING TO FIND OUT THAT THERE WERE SUPPOSED TO  
20 BE TRUCKLOADS OF SUPPLIES WITHIN OUR COUNTY READY TO GO TO HOT  
21 SPOTS TO RELIEVE THE PROBLEMS SUCH AS CROSSOVER BALLOTS, NOT  
22 HAVING ENOUGH OF THEM, NOT HAVING ENOUGH DEMOCRATIC BALLOTS,  
23 ET CETERA.

24

25 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.





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2 **BOBBIE MCGOWAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR COMING. NEXT SPEAKER?

5

6 **RUBEN SIERRA:** YES, I'M RUBEN SIERRA. I AM AN ORGANIZER WITH  
7 THE NATIONAL UNION OF HEALTH CARE WORKERS. I WAS A VOLUNTEER  
8 FOR BERNIE SANDERS' PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION IN EAST L.A. AND IN  
9 HOLLYWOOD. FROM MY EXPERIENCE, VOTERS REGISTERED FOR THE  
10 DEMOCRATIC PARTY WERE PLACED ON REPUBLICAN ROLL SHEETS. THE  
11 COUNTY REGISTRAR'S OFFICE EXPRESSED THAT VOTERS SIGNATURES MAY  
12 HAVE BEEN FORGED, RESULTING IN THE CHANGE TO THEIR PARTY  
13 PREFERENCE. NO PARTY PREFERENCE VOTERS WERE DENIED CROSSOVER  
14 BALLOTS. AND LASTLY VOTING MACHINES AT SPECIFIC POLLING PLACES  
15 WERE MALFUNCTIONING AND NOT ACCEPTING BALLOTS THAT WERE CAST.

16

17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

18

19 **MARCIA MARTIN:** HI, MY NAME IS MARCIA MARTIN AND I WAS A POLL  
20 INSPECTOR AT PRECINCT 0800013-A IN BELL GARDENS. MY ISSUES, I  
21 EXPERIENCED IN MY POLL FOR THE SECOND TIME I'LL JUST LIST THE  
22 COMMON PROBLEMS. MY BIGGEST PROBLEM OCCURRING WAS MOST  
23 FREQUENCY VOTERS WERE LISTED AS VOTE BY MAIL. SOME DID NOT  
24 KNOW OF THEIR STATUS. MANY CLAIMED THEY NEVER SIGNED UP FOR  
25 IT. THE MAJORITY OF THE VOTE BY MAIL VOTERS AT MY POLL CLAIMED



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1 THEY NEVER RECEIVED THEIR BALLOT IN THE MAIL. SECONDLY, MANY  
2 PEOPLE WHO WERE IN THE CORRECT PRECINCT POLL WERE NOT ON MY  
3 VOTER ROSTER OR SUPPLEMENTAL ROSTER. THIS INCLUDED VOTERS WHO  
4 HAD VOTED IN RECENT PREVIOUS ELECTIONS AND HAD NOT CHANGED  
5 ADDRESS. THIRDLY, PEOPLE WHO APPEARED UNDER A DIFFERENT  
6 POLITICAL PARTY ALL OF A SUDDEN WERE CHANGED TO ANOTHER PARTY.  
7 AGAIN MOST OF THESE WERE SEASONED VOTERS. A FEW OF THEM HAD  
8 BEEN DEMOCRATS FOR DECADES. ALL OF THE ABOVE PEOPLE HAD TO  
9 VOTE PROVISIONALLY. SHORT STAFFED AND IN PERSON TRAINING FOR  
10 POLL INSPECTOR WAS INADEQUATE AND EXTREMELY RUSHED FOR THE  
11 AMOUNT OF INFORMATION PROVIDED. TRUST IN THE ELECTION PROCESS  
12 IS CENTRAL TO DEMOCRACY. WITHOUT THIS TRUST TRUE DEMOCRACY  
13 CANNOT EXIST. WHAT HAPPENED ON ELECTION DAY IS UNACCEPTABLE.

14

15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

16

17 **STEVEN METOYER:** STEVEN METOYER I'M THE L.A. REPRESENTATIVE FOR  
18 BLACK MEN FOR BERNIE. I HAD THE PRIVILEGE AND OPPORTUNITY OF  
19 MEETING WITH MR. DEAN LOGAN AND ERIN AS WELL ON SATURDAY PRIOR  
20 TO THE ELECTION AND SOME OF THE CONCERNS THAT WE VOICED WERE  
21 THE ONES YOU'RE HEARING AS EACH SPEAKER HAS COME UP. WE KNEW  
22 THAT THERE WAS GOING TO BE A SHORTAGE OF BALLOTS IN AREAS. WE  
23 KNEW THAT THERE WAS GOING TO BE AN ISSUE WITH NO PARTY  
24 PREFERENCE VOTERS NOT BEING TOLD THE CORRECT INFORMATION. WE  
25 DID NOT KNOW THAT THERE WAS GOING TO BE AN ISSUE WITH PEOPLE



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1 NOT BEING ON THE REGISTER THAT, WERE NOT ON THE ACTUAL ROSTER  
2 THEMSELVES. AND WE OFFERED HELP TO BE ABLE TO GET THAT  
3 INFORMATION OUT TO THE COMMUNITY SO THAT THEY CAN MAKE SURE  
4 THEIR VOICE COUNTED PROPERLY. WE WERE ALSO ASSURED THAT THOSE  
5 AREAS WERE GOING TO HAVE PEOPLE THAT HAD BALLOT SHORTAGE. THEY  
6 WERE GOING TO BE PROVIDED. AND THOSE THINGS DIDN'T HAPPEN. AND  
7 WE REALLY NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE FOCUSING ON GETTING THE  
8 ANSWERS TO THE SERIOUS PROBLEM, WHICH IS NOT SOLVING THE  
9 ISSUES ON ELECTION DAY. THERE WAS NO SYSTEM IN PLACE TO MAKE  
10 SURE THAT THOSE THINGS WERE HANDLED AND WE SPOKE ABOUT THAT  
11 AND WE WERE ASSURED THAT THERE WAS A SYSTEM THAT WAS THERE FOR  
12 THAT. AND THAT SYSTEM WAS NOT ACTIVE ON ELECTION DAY.

13

14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE HAVE BRIAN CAROLUS..  
15 SOFIA QUINONES. SAMIA CONTRERAS. EMORY ROGERS. ROSHAN AKULA.  
16 GO AHEAD, SIR. STATE YOUR NAME.

17

18 **BRIAN CAROLUS:** MY NAME IS BRIAN CAROLUS. I'M AN ELECTED  
19 DELEGATE OF THE 33RD DISTRICT OF THE STATE. I AM A PERMANENT  
20 VOTE BY MAIL VOTER. I'M ALSO A REGISTERED DEMOCRAT FOR NEARLY  
21 10 YEARS. I WEAR THIS WHITE BAND ON MY ARM IN SOLIDARITY OF  
22 ALL MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS ACROSS THIS COUNTY, ACROSS THIS  
23 STATE, ACROSS THIS COUNTRY, WHOSE VOTES HAVE BEEN  
24 DISENFRANCHISED OR NEARLY DISENFRANCHISED AS IN MY CASE. IN MY  
25 CASE, I NEVER RECEIVED MY VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT. THE REST OF MY



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1 FAMILY DID. I NEVER DID. I WENT TO MY POLLING LOCATION. WHAT I  
2 SAW HORRIFIED ME. THE MARINE PARK POLLING LOCATION. THEY HAD  
3 STACKS AND STACKS OF PROVISIONAL BALLOTS. NO DEMOCRATIC  
4 BALLOTS ANYWHERE. THEY SAW MY ADDRESS IN THE ROLLS. THEY DID  
5 NOT GIVE ME A BALLOT. I HAD TO DRIVE TO NORWALK, AN HOUR TO  
6 NORWALK IN GRIDLOCK TRAFFIC TO FIND OUT WHAT HAPPENED. THEY  
7 SENT MY BALLOT TO JAPAN. 5,000 MILES ACROSS THE OCEAN TO AN  
8 ADDRESS I HAVEN'T LIVED IN IN TWO YEARS EVEN THOUGH THEY FOUND  
9 ME ON THE VOTER ROLLS AND I CHECKED MY REGISTRATION THE NIGHT  
10 BEFORE ON THE SECRETARY OF STATE WEBSITE. THIS IS  
11 UNACCEPTABLE. UNACCEPTABLE.

12

13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER.

14

15 **SOFIA QUINONES:** WOW, MY NAME IS SOFIA QUINONES AND I FEEL THAT  
16 OUR DEMOCRACY IS BEING TAKEN AWAY FROM US. I DO NOT TRUST THE  
17 BALLOTS THEMSELVES AND I DON'T TRUST THE TALLY MACHINE. I  
18 THINK IT ALL HAS TO DO WITH CODING. AND I THINK THAT HOPEFULLY  
19 THE RICO ACT LAWSUIT WILL GO THROUGH SO THAT EVERY VOTING  
20 MACHINE IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND IN OTHER STATES WILL BE  
21 AUDITED. SOME OF THESE VOTING MACHINES ARE OWNED BY PRIVATE  
22 CORPORATIONS THAT HAVE THEIR OWN SELF-INTEREST. SO I STAND IN  
23 SOLIDARITY WITH EVERYONE WHO WAS LYNCHED, MURDERED, TORTURED,  
24 FORCE FED THROUGHOUT THE YEARS WHO EVEN SACRIFICED THEIR LIVES  
25 FOR THE RIGHT TO VOTE. AND THIS RIGHT IS BEING DENIED ACROSS



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1 OUR COUNTRY AND EVERYONE NEEDS TO STAND UP AND DEMAND THE  
2 RIGHT TO VOTE-- [APPLAUSE.]

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4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** HEY, CAN YOU PLEASE JUST HONOR OUR  
5 DECORUM? AND IF YOU WANT TO EXPRESS YOURSELF, AS WE SAY, RAISE  
6 THE ROOF, PLEASE. THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT  
7 SPEAKER.

8

9 **ROSHAN AKULA:** SHOULD I GO? HI. I'M ROSHAN AKULA. I JUST  
10 GRADUATED FROM U.C.R. ON SATURDAY. AND DURING MY TIME AT  
11 U.C.R., WE REGISTERED MORE VOTERS THAN ANY OTHER U.C. I GOT  
12 INVOLVED IN HELPING OUT WITH BERNIE SANDERS AT U.C.R. AND I  
13 TALKED TO MANY PEOPLE AND STUDENTS AND THEY TOLD ME THERE'S  
14 VOTER SUPPRESSION GOING ON EVERYWHERE, AT MANY STATES AND IT'S  
15 REALLY UPSETTING THAT CAME HERE TO CALIFORNIA. LAST WEEK WE  
16 STUDENTS WERE COMING TO VOTE WERE ALSO UNDER THE PRESSURE OF  
17 TAKING THEIR FINALS. SO IT IS MUCH MORE-- IT'S UPSETTING THAT  
18 THEY HAVE TO DEAL, TO LEARN THAT THEY HAVE TO-- THAT THEIR  
19 VOTE DIDN'T COUNT EVEN THOUGH THEY TOOK A LOT OF TIME OUT OF  
20 THEIR STUDYING TO COME AND TAKE THE TIME TO VOTE. THEY'RE  
21 TRYING TO GET INVOLVED.

22

23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

24



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1   **EMORY RODGERS:** HELLO, MY NAME'S EMORY RODGERS. LAST WEEK AND  
2   DURING THE ELECTION I WAS A CANDIDATE FOR THE UNITED STATES  
3   SENATE. I SHOWED UP TO MY POLLING PLACE IN THREE SEPARATE  
4   INCIDENTS AND WAS TRIED TO HAND A PROVISIONAL BALLOT EVEN  
5   THOUGH MY NAME EXISTED ON EVERY BALLOT IN THE STATE OF  
6   CALIFORNIA AS A DEMOCRAT. IT SHOULDN'T HAVE HAPPENED. AND IN  
7   THE END, I WAS OFFERED A BALLOT BECAUSE THEY COULDN'T FIND MY  
8   NAME IN THE BOOK EVEN THOUGH THEY HAD ME TRY TO SIGN THE BOOK  
9   ON SOMEONE ELSE'S NAME. WHEN THE POLL WORKER DISCOVERED THAT  
10   MY NAME WAS IN THE BOOK, SHE OFFERED ME A DEMOCRATIC BALLOT  
11   WHICH WE DISCOVERED THAT I WAS AT THE WRONG TABLE. THEY HAD  
12   SENT ME TO THE WRONG TABLE. AND I WAS IN FACT REGISTERED AS A  
13   DEMOCRAT. I'D LIKE TO MAKE THREE SUGGESTIONS INTO THE FUTURE  
14   SO THAT WE CAN CORRECT THIS PROBLEM. INSTEAD OF PRESENTING  
15   ANTIQUATED SYSTEMS, IT SHOULD NOT BE AS HARD TO VOTE OR HARDER  
16   THAN IT IS TO SET UP A FACEBOOK ACCOUNT. IF I MAY HAVE ONLY  
17   ABOUT 20 MORE SECONDS, KAZAKHSTAN, THE PRESIDENT WAS HERE IN  
18   THE UNITED STATES A FEW WEEKS AGO. HE PRESENTED THAT WITHIN  
19   TWO YEARS THEY HAD MOVED THEIR ENTIRE ELECTION SYSTEM OVER TO  
20   A FULL REGISTRATION SYSTEM AND A SYSTEM THAT COULD BE VOTED BY  
21   PHONE WITHOUT ANY IRREGULARITIES PRESENTING A 98 PERCENT VOTE.  
22   MAY I ALSO SUGGEST THAT NO COUNT SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BECAUSE  
23   PUBLIC OPINION IS RELEVANT UNTIL THE ENTIRE COUNT IS COMPLETE.  
24   THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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1    **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SAMIA CONTRERAS. NOZOMU YAMANAKA.  
2    ROBERTA FOX MABLE. CRAIG WHITE. CHRISTINE NGUYEN. DOMINIC  
3    MANANES.

4

5    **ROBERTA FOX MABLE:** "THAT GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE, BY THE  
6    PEOPLE AND FOR THE PEOPLE.."

7

8    **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** STATE YOUR NAME, MA'AM.

9

10   **ROBERTA FOX MABLE:** "SHALL NOT PERISH FROM THE EARTH." MY NAME  
11   IS ROBERTA FOX. I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY CONCERNS ABOUT THE  
12   CALIFORNIA PRIMARY ON JUNE 7TH. FIRST, I FEEL THERE WAS  
13   INADEQUATE TRAINING FOR THE POLL WORKER TRAINING CLASS. MANY  
14   POLL WORKERS WERE NOT ALLOWED TO ASK QUESTIONS DURING THE  
15   TRAINING AND WERE LEFT WITH QUESTIONS THAT WERE NOT ADDRESSED.  
16   I WAS TOLD THIS WAS DUE TO THE VERY LARGE CLASS AND THERE  
17   WASN'T TIME ALLOTTED. WE DID NOT HAVE ANY HANDS-ON TRAINING  
18   NOR DID WE HAVE ANY TIME TO LOOK AT ANY BALLOTS, GO OVER THE  
19   MACHINES, ET CETERA. THE SECOND ITEM I WISH TO ADDRESS IS THE  
20   DEBACLE OF ANOTHER PRECINCT LITERALLY COMMITTING ELECTION  
21   FRAUD AND VOTER SUPPRESSION. IN PASADENA WHERE I WAS A POLL  
22   WORKER, I WITNESSED THE OTHER PRECINCT GIVING PROVISIONAL  
23   BALLOTS OUT VERSUS ASKING THE PEOPLE IF THEY WERE IN THE RIGHT  
24   LOCATION OR IF THEY HAD A BALLOT TO SURRENDER. THEY SIMPLY  
25   GAVE A PROVISIONAL BALLOT INSTEAD OF ADHERING TO THE RULES,



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1    THUS BLATANTLY COMMITTING VOTER SUPPRESSION AND ELECTION FRAUD  
2    WITHOUT REGARDS TO VOTERS' RIGHTS. MORE THAN HALF OF THE  
3    VOTERS STATED THAT EITHER THEIR POLITICAL PARTY PREFERENCE WAS  
4    CHANGED NOT BY THEM OR THAT THEIR VOTE BY MAIL HAD BEEN ISSUED  
5    WHEN IT WAS IN FACT NEVER RECEIVED. THEY WERE THEREFORE FORCED  
6    TO DO A PROVISIONAL BALLOT.

7

8    **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

9

10   **ROBERTA FOX MABLE:** THANK YOU.

11

12   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER?

13

14   **NOZOMU YAMANAKA:** MY NAME IS NOZOMU YAMANAKA. I'M A RETIRED  
15    ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE. ON JUNE 7TH I WAS A POLL WORKER IN  
16    LONG BEACH AT THE LEEWAY SAILING CENTER. AND I OBSERVED MANY  
17    VOTING IRREGULARITIES. THE MOST EGREGIOUS WAS THE DISCREPANCY  
18    BETWEEN THE NUMBER OF DEMOCRATIC AND CROSSOVER DEMOCRATIC  
19    BALLOTS THAT WE ISSUED AS OPPOSED TO THE PRINTOUT THAT OUR  
20    VOTING MACHINE GAVE US AT THE END OF POLLING. BASICALLY, WE  
21    HAD OVER 300 VOTERS. WE PASSED OUT 300 BALLOTS. MORE THAN HALF  
22    OF THOSE WERE DEMOCRATIC OR DEMOCRATIC CROSSOVER BALLOTS. SO  
23    THERE SHOULD HAVE BEEN AT LEAST 150 DEMOCRATIC VOTES IN THE  
24    MACHINE. HOWEVER, THE MACHINE PRINTED OUT THAT HILLARY CLINTON  
25    HAD 60 ODD VOTES AND BERNIE SANDERS HAD 40 ODD VOTES MAKING



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1 ONLY 110 OR SO. SO IT APPEARS THAT THERE WERE AT LEAST 40  
2 BALLOTS THAT WERE NOT COUNTED BY THE MACHINE. THANK YOU.  
3 [APPLAUSE]

4

5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

6

7 **CRAIG WHITE:** MY NAME IS CRAIG WHITE. I WAS A POLL INSPECTOR AT  
8 THE HOLLYWOOD CITY HALL. ONE OF THE TWO THINGS THAT I HAD  
9 NOTICED WHICH WERE A RECURRING THEME IS PEOPLE BEING CHANGED  
10 WITHOUT THEIR PERMISSION TO SOMETHING OTHER THAN-- A LOT WERE  
11 LIFE-LONG DEMOCRATS THAT HAD NEVER REGISTERED AS ANYTHING ELSE  
12 WHO WERE SHOWING UP AS AMERICAN INDEPENDENT, PEACE AND FREEDOM  
13 OR EVEN REPUBLICAN. AND THEN THE LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE THAT  
14 CAME IN THAT WERE VOTE BY MAIL WHO NEVER SIGNED UP FOR VOTE BY  
15 MAIL, WHICH WE ALSO HAD GOTTEN SOME LAVENDER PAGES OF UPDATES  
16 OF PEOPLE THAT WERE VOTE BY MAIL LIKE A FEW DAYS BEFORE THE  
17 ELECTION. AND I HAD NOTICED THAT THERE WERE JUST A LARGE  
18 NUMBER OF THEM. AND THEN IT SEEMED TO CORRESPOND WITH THE  
19 LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO WERE ACTUALLY CHANGED WITHOUT THEIR  
20 KNOWLEDGE AND THEY WERE FORCED TO VOTE PROVISIONALLY AS WERE  
21 THE PEOPLE WHO WERE WRONG PARTY. THANK YOU.

22

23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

24



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1   **CHRISTINE NGUYEN:** MY NAME IS CHRISTINE NGUYEN. I WAS A POLL  
2   CLERK IN WEST L.A. AT BARRINGTON PLAZA. AS A CLERK, I  
3   EXPERIENCED MANY IF NOT ALL OF THE AFOREMENTIONED ISSUES.  
4   REGARDING THE ISSUE OF THE MISSING PASSWORD, MY INSPECTOR WAS  
5   NOT AWARE THERE WOULD BE A PASSWORD. AND IT DID NOT ARRIVE  
6   UNTIL 8:30, THE ROBO CALL ON THE COUNTY ISSUED CELL PHONE. THE  
7   PROBLEM BEING ALSO BEING THAT MY FELLOW CLERKS AND INSPECTOR  
8   WERE EITHER NOT PROPERLY TRAINED AND ONE OF THEM HAD NOT  
9   BOTHERED TO ATTEND TRAINING AT ALL AND INSISTED ON GIVING  
10   VOTERS A PROVISIONAL BALLOT DESPITE THE FACT THAT YOU COULD  
11   JUST SLIP THE BALLOTS INTO THE BALLOT BOX. ON BEHALF OF A  
12   FRIEND WHO COULD NOT BE HERE TODAY TO TALK ABOUT HER  
13   EXPERIENCE AS A VOTE BY MAIL VOTER, I'D LIKE TO RECOUNT THAT  
14   STORY. SHE RECEIVED HER BALLOT VIA MAIL, VERY LATE, I THINK  
15   THE FRIDAY BEFORE PRIMARY DAY. SHE OPENED IT UP AND SOMEONE  
16   HAD ALREADY WRITTEN ON THE PRIVACY SLEEVE ON THE WRITE-IN  
17   SECTION FOR PRESIDENT HILLARY CLINTON. AND SO SHE BROUGHT IT  
18   TO HER POLLING PRECINCT. AND TO EXCHANGE IT FOR A NEW BALLOT  
19   AND WHEN SHE GOT THERE JUST BY BEING AT THE CORRECT PRECINCT  
20   WAS NOT ALLOWED TO VOTE A NORMAL BALLOT AND WAS GIVEN  
21   PROVISIONAL.

22  
23   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?



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1   **DOMINIC MANANES:** HELLO DOMINIC MANANES, 330001-A. OUR MOST  
2   RECENT CALIFORNIA PRIMARY DISPLAYED HOW MUCH THE SYSTEM NEEDS  
3   TO CHANGE. COUNTLESS RULES AND ADDITIONAL USELESS PROCEDURES  
4   ARE SUPPRESSING OUR VOICES AS CITIZENS. OUR CURRENT SYSTEM IS  
5   SCARING AWAY VOTERS OF ALL GENERATIONS. AS A POLL INSPECTOR, I  
6   COULD SEE THE FRUSTRATIONS OF VOTERS AS THEY WERE NOT ABLE TO  
7   VOTE FOR THE CANDIDATE THEY WANTED OR THEY WERE KIND OF FORCED  
8   TO VOTE PROVISIONALLY. THIS CALIFORNIA ELECTION WAS CLEARLY  
9   UNFAIR, UNORGANIZED AND IT WAS NOT FREE. POLL INSPECTORS LIKE  
10  ME GET CRAPPY WAGES FOR THE EXTRA TIME WE PUT IN AND WE'RE  
11  PAYING THE PRICE RIGHT NOW WITH OUR TIME HERE. I DON'T EVEN  
12  KNOW HOW MY PRECINCT COORDINATOR GOT HIRED? DOES THE COUNTY  
13  JUST HIRE ANYBODY? HIRE ME. I TRUST THAT THE BOARD WILL DO  
14  THEIR JOBS AND CONDUCT INVESTIGATIONS, DO EVERYTHING IN YOUR  
15  OWN POWER TO WIN BACK THE TRUST OF CALIFORNIA VOTERS WHO FELT  
16  CHEATED. WE DON'T CARE ABOUT ASSOCIATING WITH PARTIES. WE'RE  
17  ALL HUMAN. WE'RE ALL ONE. WE NEED MORE THAN CHANGE. WE NEED A  
18  REVOLUTION. A REVOLUTION OF THE MIND. [APPLAUSE.]

19

20   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MELISSA MICHELSON. JACQUELYN ROCHA.  
21   RYAN LOPEZ, TODD JONES. RUTH SARNOFF. JUST REMEMBER TO STATE  
22   YOUR NAME AS YOU BEGIN. GO AHEAD.

23

24   **RYAN LOPEZ:** GOOD MORNING, COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME  
25   IS RYAN LOPEZ. AND I'M A STUDENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN



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1 CALIFORNIA. NOW, ON ELECTION DAY I WENT WITH A FRIEND TO THEIR  
2 POLLING LOCATION AND WHILE HE WAS WAITING TO REGISTER, I  
3 OBSERVED A WOMAN WHO WAS TOLD SHE WAS NOT ON THE VOTER ROLLS  
4 FOR HER PRECINCT AND THAT SHE'D HAVE TO VOTE PROVISIONAL. NOW  
5 BEFORE THAT POLL CLERK COULD GIVE HER A PROVISIONAL BALLOT, I  
6 SUGGESTED THAT SHE CHECK THE OTHER VOTER ROLLS AT THIS  
7 PRECINCT AS THIS LOCATION HAD MULTIPLE PRECINCTS. WHEN WE  
8 ASKED AT THE TABLE FOR PRECINCT 9001739-A, IF WE COULD CHECK  
9 THE ROLL OF VOTERS, WE WERE INFORMED THAT THAT PRECINCT HAD  
10 NOT RECEIVED-- THAT THE COUNTY HAD NOT DELIVERED AN ENTIRE  
11 ROLL OF VOTERS TO THAT PRECINCT. FURTHERMORE, THE POLL  
12 INSPECTOR LET ME KNOW THAT AFTER CALLING THE COUNTY FOR OVER A  
13 WEEK REGARDING A VOTE COUNTING MACHINE ISSUE, HE STILL HAD NOT  
14 RECEIVED AN ANSWER. AND THEREFORE HAD A BROKEN MACHINE ON  
15 ELECTION DAY. THIS IS SIMPLY UNACCEPTABLE. AND I HOPE THAT THE  
16 COUNTY CAN CONTINUE TO WORK WITH US, THE CITIZENS, TO MAKE  
17 SURE THAT WE CAN COME UP WITH SOLUTIONS SO THIS DOESN'T HAPPEN  
18 AGAIN IN THE FUTURE. THANK YOU.

19  
20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

21  
22 **TODD JONES:** HI, MY NAME IS TODD JONES. I'M A PHYSICIST AT THE  
23 JET PROPULSION LABORATORY. I WORKED AS AN EXIT POLL VOLUNTEER  
24 IN U.C.L.A. AND WE QUESTIONED ALL OF THE VOTERS COMING OUT OF  
25 THAT POLLING LOCATION TO SEE HOW WAS THEIR VOTE. AND 3 OUT OF





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1 4 OF THEM CARRIED THE PINK SLIP WHICH INDICATED THEY HAD TO  
2 USE THE PROVISIONAL BALLOT. AND THE EXIT POLL RESULTS,  
3 ALTHOUGH THEY'RE PRELIMINARY, ARE INDICATING THAT THE NUMBER,  
4 THE PERCENTAGE OF VOTES FOR HILLARY ARE 10 PERCENT TO 30  
5 PERCENT. AND THIS DOES NOT COMPARE WELL AGAINST THE 55 PERCENT  
6 WHICH HAS BEEN STATED AS THE CALIFORNIA RESULT. I'VE A LITTLE  
7 BIT MORE TIME LEFT. THE STUDENTS COMING OUT THAT HAD TO USE  
8 THE PROVISIONAL BALLOTS HAD TO DO SO BECAUSE THE SO-CALLED  
9 BLUE LIST WERE NEVER DELIVERED TO THE POLL.

10

11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

12

13 **MELISSA MICHELSON:** HELLO MY NAME IS MELISSA MICHELSON, AND I'M  
14 A DELEGATE ELECT FROM DISTRICT 27, FOR THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL  
15 CONVENTION. I'M HERE TO REQUEST THAT YOU AUTHORIZE AN  
16 INVESTIGATION ON THE EFFECTIVENESS AND REACH OF THE ROBO  
17 CALLS, VIDEOS AND EMAILS THAT THE REGISTRAR'S OFFICE  
18 SUPPOSEDLY GOT OUT TO NOTIFY NO PARTY PREFERENCE VOTERS OF  
19 USING CROSSOVER BALLOTS OF INSTEAD OF PROVISIONAL BALLOTS. ON  
20 MAY 23RD WE DELEGATES FROM 27TH SENT A LETTER TO HIM  
21 DESCRIBING OUR CONCERN OF THE UPCOMING ELECTION ABOUT THE USE  
22 OF CROSSOVER DEMOCRATIC BALLOTS IN LIEU OF PROVISIONAL ONES.  
23 AS MR. LOGAN STATED IN HIS RESPONSE LETTER TO US ON MAY 26TH,  
24 N.P.P. VOTERS HAD BEEN INFORMED OF OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO THEM.  
25 HOW MANY EMAILS AND LETTERS WERE SENT AND WHAT WAS STATED ON



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1 THE LETTER? DID IT IN FACT LET N.P.P. VOTE BY MAIL VOTERS KNOW  
2 THAT THEY NEEDED TO BRING THEIR BALLOT WITH THEM TO AVOID A  
3 PROVISIONAL ONE? FURTHERMORE, MANY FIRST TIME VOTERS DID NOT  
4 HAVE I.D. WHEN THEY VOTED AND SUBSEQUENTLY WERE NOT TOLD THAT  
5 THEY HAD UNTIL JUNE 15TH, TOMORROW, TO PROVIDE IT. WHEN AND  
6 HOW HAS THAT NOTICE BEEN SENT, AND CAN YOU PLEASE AUTHORIZE AN  
7 EXTENSION OF THAT DEADLINE TO ENSURE MAXIMUM PARTICIPATION? WE  
8 WILL BE HOLDING YOU ACCOUNTABLE. WE THE VOTERS OF L.A. COUNTY.  
9 THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER. RUTH?

12

13 **RUTH SARNOFF:** RUTH SARNOFF. SHAME ON ASSOCIATED PRESS FOR  
14 DECLARING HILLARY CLINTON THE WINNER ON THE DAY BEFORE.  
15 [APPLAUSE.] THE DAY BEFORE THE JUNE 7TH CALIFORNIA PRIMARY  
16 ELECTION. AND SHAME ON M.S.N.B.C. AND C.N.N. FOR GRABBING THE  
17 STORY AND RUNNING WITH IT. THE STORY WENT GLOBAL, AND IT ALL  
18 HAPPENED BEFORE A SINGLE VOTE WAS CAST. A.I.P.-- A.P. IMPACTED  
19 WHAT HAPPENED NEXT IN VERY NEGATIVE AND MISLEADING WAYS TO  
20 MILLIONS OF NEW VOTERS AND VIEWERS AROUND THE WORLD, IT SURE  
21 SOUNDED LIKE THE RACES WERE OVER. SO WHAT DID HAPPEN NEXT? HOW  
22 DID A.P. CALLING THE ELECTION BEFORE A SINGLE VOTE WAS CAST  
23 MANIFEST ITSELF? PEOPLE SHARED WITH ME ABOUT THE HOOPS THEY  
24 WENT THROUGH JUST TO GET REGISTERED. SOME PEOPLE WEREN'T GOING  
25 TO VOTE BECAUSE THEY THOUGHT THE RACE WAS OVER. I KNOW BECAUSE



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1 I WAS STILL OUT TALKING TO VOTERS ON JUNE 6TH AND JUNE 7TH  
2 AFTER THE A.P. RELEASE.

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4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

5

6 **RUTH SARNOFF:** I HAVE A WRITTEN STATEMENT.

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THAT'S OKAY. YOU CAN SUBMIT IT.

9

10 **RUTH SARNOFF:** AND I HAVE TWO ARTICLES FROM "THE LOS ANGELES  
11 TIMES," ONE BY KATHLEEN DRUCKER, "AND NOW LESSONS FOR  
12 NOVEMBER." EVERYBODY SHOULD READ IT BECAUSE IT'S A DISTORTION.  
13 IT SAYS IT WAS A LOW TURNOUT IN CALIFORNIA. AND THAT WAS NOT  
14 TRUE. WE HAVE MILLIONS OF UNCOUNTED. [APPLAUSE]

15

16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** JACQUELYN ROCHA, MICHELLE CHING,  
17 ANGEL ROLLAND. JUAN GONZALEZ. CHRISTINE CHAO CHRIS KANTROWITZ.  
18 GO AHEAD, MA'AM, STATE YOUR NAME, PLEASE. IT'S ON. GO AHEAD.

19

20 **CHRISTINE CHAO:** HI, MY NAME IS CHRISTINE CHAO AND I WORKED AS  
21 A POLLING CLERK AT MONTERREY PARK SERVICE CLUB ON JUNE 7TH  
22 CALIFORNIA'S PRIMARY ELECTION. SPEAKING AS A CONCERNED CITIZEN  
23 VOTER AND POLLING WORKER WHO WITNESSED MANY IRREGULARITIES AT  
24 MY POLLING LOCATION. THERE IS NO VETTING OF OUR POLLING  
25 INSPECTORS. THERE'S POOR TRAINING, LACK OF TRAINING, LACK OF



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1 CARE BY A LOT OF POLLING WORKERS. I APPARENTLY WAS THE ONLY  
2 ONE THAT ACTUALLY READ THE MANUAL. I ACTUALLY FILED A FORMAL  
3 COMPLAINT WITH L.A. COUNTY RECORDING REGISTRAR ABOUT MY  
4 POLLING INSPECTOR WHO WAS NOT PREPARED TO DO HER JOB. SHE  
5 ARRIVED 50 MINUTES LATE. AND POLLS WERE SUPPOSED TO HAVE  
6 OPENED AT 7 AND WE HAD A LINE OF VOTERS WHO HAD TO LIKE LEAVE  
7 AND NOT BE ABLE TO VOTE. ANOTHER THING THAT WAS NOT GOOD WAS  
8 PEOPLE WHO NEVER RE-REGISTERED FIND THEMSELVES IN PARTIES  
9 THAT-- LIFETIME DEMOCRATS FIND THEMSELVES IN AMERICAN  
10 INDEPENDENT, PEACE OR FREEDOM OR NO PARTY PREFERENCE. THANK  
11 YOU.

12

13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

14

15 **ANGEL ROLLAND:** HI, MY NAME IS ANGEL, AND I WAS ACTUALLY IN  
16 BOYLE HEIGHTS DURING THE DAY OF THE PRIMARY. AND WHAT I  
17 WITNESSED WERE BALLOTS MISSING, BROKEN VOTING MACHINES,  
18 UNREQUESTED SWITCHING PARTY REGISTRATION, MISINFORMATION AT  
19 THE POLLS, POORLY TRAINED STAFF, VOTERS DENIED DEMOCRATIC  
20 CROSSOVER BALLOTS, INCOMPLETE VOTER ROLLS, VOTERS PURGED FROM  
21 THE ROLLS, DESIGN CONCUSSION, MASSIVE PUSH FOR PROVISIONAL  
22 BALLOTS. 2.5 MILLION BALLOTS NOW IN PURGATORY BECAUSE OF THAT  
23 AND VOTER INSTRUCTIONS NOT MAILED. I TRIED TO HELP OUT THE  
24 VOTERS. AND I WAS CALLED ON THE POLICE THREE TIMES AT THREE  
25 DIFFERENT LOCATIONS FOR TRYING TO HELP VOTERS AND LET THEM



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1 KNOW OF THEIR VOTING RIGHTS. THIS VOTER SUPPRESSION IS DUE TO  
2 EITHER MASSIVE INEPTITUDE OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES WHICH  
3 WARRANTS DRASTIC CHANGES IN OUR LEADERSHIP IN THE BOARD OF  
4 SUPERVISORS WHICH WE THE PEOPLE WILL MAKE SURE OF OR THIS IS A  
5 MASSIVE CALCULATED EFFORT TO UNDERMINE THE RIGHTS OF THE  
6 HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF VOTERS IN THE REGION IN THIS KEY  
7 PRIMARY STATE WHICH COULD UNDERMINE AND DETERMINE THE NEXT  
8 PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

9

10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER? YOUR TIME'S  
11 UP. THANK YOU.

12

13 **JUAN GONZALEZ:** HI, MY NAME IS JUAN GONZALEZ. I WAS A POLL  
14 WORKER AT THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY IN VAN NUYS, PASADENA  
15 GARDENS RETIREMENT HOME. MANY PEOPLE, A QUARTER OF THE VOTERS,  
16 WERE PROVISIONAL EVEN THOUGH THEY HAD ALREADY REGISTERED A FEW  
17 MONTHS BEFORE THIS. EVEN THE ELDERLY PEOPLE IN THE RETIREMENT  
18 WEREN'T FOUND ON THE LIST. I COULDN'T DO ANYTHING FOR THEM  
19 JUST BESIDES GIVE THEM A PROVISIONAL BALLOT. THANK YOU.

20

21 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MICHELLE CHING. CHRIS  
22 KANTROWITZ. GREGORY BENNETT. TIF SIGFRIDS GINELIE MENDIETA.  
23 GEOFFREY MARTIN. AGAIN, STATE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD,  
24 PLEASE, AND TRY TO ABIDE BY THE TIME. WE STILL HAVE A NUMBER  
25 OF SPEAKERS TO GO. THANK YOU. GO AHEAD.



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**TIF SIGFRIDS:** HI, MY NAME IS TIF SIGFRIDS, I WENT AROUND TO  
VARIOUS POLLING PLACES IN MY CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT, DISTRICT  
34 ON VOTING DAY, JUST TO OBSERVE AND SEE HOW MANY OF THESE  
PROVISIONAL BALLOTS WERE BEING HANDED OUT. AND WHILE I HEAR  
YOU, MR. LOGAN, ASSURING US THAT ALL THESE PROVISIONAL BALLOTS  
WILL BE COUNTED, I THINK WHAT WE WANT TO KNOW IS THAT POLL  
WORKERS ARE INSTRUCTED-- ARE PROPERLY INSTRUCTED TO TELL  
PEOPLE THAT THESE VOTES AREN'T COUNTED THAT DAY. I TALKED TO A  
POLL WORKER WHO SAID, WHEN I BROUGHT THIS UP, THAT NONE OF THE  
VOTES ARE COUNTED THAT DAY, WHICH WE ALL KNOW ISN'T TRUE. I  
SPOKE TO NUMEROUS PEOPLE WHO HAD TAKEN TIME OFF OF WORK, MANY  
WHO WORK SEVERAL JOBS, TO COME AND VOTE AND DIDN'T FIND THEIR  
NAMES ON THE LIST SO HAD TO VOTE PROVISIONALLY. I THINK THAT  
IN AND OF ITSELF IS DISENFRANCHISING TO PEOPLE WHO WANT THEIR  
VOTES TO BE COUNTED THAT DAY, INCLUDING THE VAST MAJORITY OF  
PEOPLE WHO ARE FIRST TIME REGISTERED VOTERS IN THIS CALIFORNIA  
PRIMARY.

19

**SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER? GO AHEAD,  
I'M SORRY.

22

**GREGORY BENNETT:** HELLO. I'M GREG BENNETT. I HAD ISSUES WITH MY  
VOTING PLACE, OBVIOUSLY. BUT APPARENTLY THEY'RE ALL DUE TO TOO  
MANY PEOPLE WANT TO VOTE, SO I GUESS I'LL KIND OF LEAVE THAT





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1    HERE. I'M JUST HERE BECAUSE I HAVE THIS TUESDAY OFF AND I KNOW  
2    A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO HAD PROBLEMS WORSE THAN I DO. I WANTED TO  
3    BE HERE TO GET MY VOICE HEARD AND MAYBE OTHER PEOPLE COULDN'T  
4    BE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAME CHAIRMAN AND THE BOARD OF  
5    DIRECTORS.

6

7    **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

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9    **GINELIE MENDIETA:** MY NAME GINELIE MENDIETA. MY DAD WAS  
10   REGISTERED TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO DEADLINE, THE VOTER DEADLINE.  
11   BUT THREE DAYS BEFORE THE DEADLINE HE WAS THROWN OUT OF THE  
12   SYSTEM. I CHECKED ONLINE, SO I HAD TO RE-REGISTER HIM. ON  
13   PRIMARY DAY, I WAS WORKING AS A POLL CLERK IN WEST CAHUENGA  
14   BOULEVARD AT THEATER WEST IN STUDIO CITY. IT WAS DISHEARTENING  
15   TO SEE THE AMOUNT OF PEOPLE VOTING PROVISIONALLY AS WE SAW ON  
16   THE DAY OF JUNE 7TH. MY INSPECTOR WAS HANDING THEM OUT LIKE  
17   CANDY, DISCARDING THE FACT THAT THEY CAN BE COUNTED UP TO A  
18   MONTH LATER WHEN THE WINNER OF THE PRIMARY IS ANNOUNCED THE  
19   DAY OF. PEOPLE SHOWED UP WITH PROOF OF RESIDENCY AND  
20   REGISTRATION YET WERE NOWHERE TO BE FOUND ON THE ROSTER. THEY  
21   WERE TOLD TO VOTE PROVISIONALLY. IN OTHER INCIDENTS, WE SHOWED  
22   PEOPLE SHOW UP ON THE ROSTER AS REPUBLICAN, BUT WHEN THEY  
23   CHECKED ONLINE THEY WERE REGISTERED AS NO PARTY PREFERENCE OR  
24   DEMOCRAT AND VICE VERSA. THEY TOO WERE TOLD TO VOTE  
25   PROVISIONALLY. LASTLY, COMMENT AMONG YOUNG VOTERS OR PEOPLE



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1 WHO SORRY-- PEOPLE WHO REGISTERED ON THE DEADLINE SHOWED UP ON  
2 THE ROSTER AS VOTE BY MAIL BUT HAD ONLY RECEIVED THEIR SAMPLE  
3 BALLOT.

4

5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE GOT THE MESSAGE. NEXT  
6 SPEAKER?

7

8 **GEOFFREY MARTIN:** MY NAME IS GEOFFREY MARTIN. I AM A BUSINESS  
9 PERSON. I LIVE IN VENICE. I'VE VOTED DEMOCRAT IN EVERY  
10 ELECTION SINCE 1992. I USED TO THINK THAT VOTER FRAUD WAS SOME  
11 SORT OF FANTASY DREAMED UP BY SORE LOSERS AS PART OF A RIGHT  
12 WING CONSPIRACY. I NOW THINK DIFFERENTLY. IN FACT, ACCORDING  
13 TO MOST RECENT POLLS, 66 PERCENT OF AMERICANS NO LONGER HAVE  
14 FAITH IN THE ELECTORAL PROCESS. [APPLAUSE.] THAT IS HIGHLY  
15 DANGEROUS FOR OUR DEMOCRACY. IT IS HIGHLY DANGEROUS. WE HAVE  
16 TO ASK OURSELVES TWO IMPORTANT QUESTIONS. HOW MANY PEOPLE WERE  
17 PREVENTED FROM VOTING? AND HOW MANY PROVISIONAL BALLOTS WERE  
18 DISQUALIFIED? THAT MUST BE WHERE WE START, TO PIECE TOGETHER  
19 WHAT HAS HAPPENED WHERE YOU NOW HAVE THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE  
20 ACROSS THE COUNTRY WONDERING WHETHER OR NOT OUR DEMOCRACY IN  
21 FACT EXISTS. THANK YOU.

22

23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SARA WATTS. JODY BARDENHEUER. HERON  
24 CARRILLO. DEBRA MAYES. MONICA TEJEDA. STATE YOUR NAME, MA'AM.

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1   **JODY BARDENHEUER:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS JODY BARDENHEUER.  
2   THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR HEARING US THIS MORNING. IT'S KIND OF  
3   SCARY BEING UP HERE, I'LL SAY THAT. I'M NOT A FIRST TIME  
4   VOTER. I'M A FIRST TIME CALIFORNIA VOTER AS YOU HEARD  
5   MENTIONED EARLIER TODAY. MY EXPERIENCE WAS, I VOTED IN  
6   KOREATOWN AND I WENT IN AND ASKED FOR A CROSSOVER BALLOT. I  
7   WAS REGISTERED AS NONPARTISAN. I BROUGHT MY BROCHURE WITH ME  
8   THAT I SHOWED THE PERSON, WHEN I GOT THERE. I NOTICED  
9   IMMEDIATELY THAT THEY WERE STRUGGLING WITH ENGLISH AND  
10   UNDERSTANDING ME. I FELT COMPASSION. AND I OFFERED TO COME  
11   BACK AND HELP. SO I WANTED TO GET MY VOTE COUNTED. SO AFTER I  
12   WAS HANDED THE AMERICAN INDEPENDENT, I WENT OVER TO THE  
13   MACHINE THIS SQUARE THING. TRIED TO MATCH UP THE COLORS AND  
14   REALIZED I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO. SO I WENT OVER TO THE YOUNG  
15   LADY, AND SAID, I'M COLLEGE EDUCATED FROM THE NORTHEAST, ON  
16   THE EAST COAST IF IT MATTERS, AND I CAN'T FIGURE THAT OUT SO  
17   PLEASE COME HELP ME BECAUSE I KNEW IT WAS URGENT THAT WE  
18   NEEDED HELP. I COULD SEE IT.

19

20   **HERON CARRILLO:** HI, MY NAME IS HERON CARRILLO AND I REPRESENT  
21   COMPTON FOR BERNIE WHICH IS A GRASSROOTS MOVEMENT TOWARDS  
22   GETTING PEOPLE REGISTERED TO VOTE. I AM A PERMANENT RESIDENT  
23   WHICH PREVENTS ME FROM CASTING A VOTE. BUT I PARTICIPATED IN  
24   CANVASSES IN IN NEVADA AND CALIFORNIA TO HELP THOSE WHO CAN  
25   VOTE TO GO OUT AND HAVE THEIR VOICES, AND THE VOICES OF



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1 MILLIONS LIKE ME BE HEARD. IN CONCLUSION, MY POSITION IS THE  
2 WE SHOULD TAKE TO VOTING IN OUR LOCAL, STATE AND NATIONAL  
3 LEVEL AS A PRIORITY IN MOVING OUR COUNTRY FORWARD TOWARDS A  
4 MORE PROGRESSIVE DEMOCRACY AND REPUBLIC OF THE PEOPLE, BY THE  
5 PEOPLE, AND FOR THE PEOPLE, JUST AS OUR CONSTITUTION INTENDED.  
6 AND TO OUR FRIEND FROM KENYA, WE ARE NO LONGER THE WORLD'S  
7 LEADER IN TRUE DEMOCRACY THANKS TO THIS CURRENT ELECTION.  
8 THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

9

10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD, MA'AM.

11

12 **MONICA TEJEDA:** MY NAME IS MONICA. I HUSTLED VOTER REGISTRATION  
13 UP UNTIL MAY 23RD, TWO WEEKS BEFORE ELECTION DAY. MANY OF US  
14 MADE THE MIDNIGHT TRIP TO THE COUNTY REGISTRAR'S OFFICE FOR  
15 NEW REGISTRATIONS BUT IT IS EVIDENT, BY EVIDENCE, THAT VOTER  
16 LISTS WERE PRINTED 25 DAYS BEFORE THE DEADLINE. THERE IS NO  
17 LOGIC TO THIS WHEN THE DEADLINE TO REGISTER WAS ONLY TWO WEEKS  
18 BEFORE ELECTION DAY. WHILE WE MAY FORGIVE A LACK OF  
19 INFORMATION, WE CANNOT FORGIVE INTENTIONAL MISINFORMATION.  
20 MANY POLL WORKERS HAVE TESTIFIED THAT THEY WERE MISINFORMED TO  
21 GIVE N.P.P. VOTERS PROVISIONAL BALLOTS. EVERY VOTE COUNTS IN A  
22 TRUE DEMOCRACY. WE THE PEOPLE ARE HERE TO DEFEND OUR DEMOCRACY  
23 AND ASK L.A. COUNTY TO UPHOLD THE DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES THAT  
24 COME WITH A FAIR ELECTION. [APPLAUSE.]

25



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1 **DEBRA MAYES:** HI, MY NAME IS DEBRA MAYES. I WAS A POLL WORKER  
2 AT PRECINCT 9002132-B. AND WE EXPERIENCED A LOT OF PROBLEMS AT  
3 OUR PRECINCT, WHICH HAD TWO PRECINCTS. FIRST OF ALL, POLL  
4 WORKER TRAINING WAS TOO FAST, AND THEY SPED THROUGH VERY  
5 CRITICAL INFORMATION THAT WE NEEDED. OUR INSPECTOR ACTUALLY  
6 GOT THE WRONG LOCATION ON HIS LETTER, SO HE ARRIVED HALF AN  
7 HOUR AFTER THE POLLS WERE OPENED. PEOPLE HAD TO VOTE  
8 PROVISIONALLY AT THE OTHER PRECINCT TABLE BECAUSE HE WAS NOT  
9 THERE AND THE MATERIALS WERE NOT THERE. HE ALSO TOLD WORKERS  
10 THAT THEY DID NOT HAVE TO ARRIVE AT 6 O'CLOCK PER THE  
11 INSTRUCTIONS BUT TO COME AT 6:15, 6:30. WE HAD PEOPLE THAT  
12 CAME TO OUR PRECINCT TABLE WITHIN THE ADDRESS RANGE BUT  
13 HOWEVER THEY WERE ACTUALLY AT THE OTHER TABLE. THAT WAS  
14 INEXPLICABLE. AND THIS WAS JUST A FAILURE TO PROPERLY PLAN. I  
15 DON'T KNOW IF IT WAS INTENTIONAL OR NOT BUT I THINK IT IS  
16 LAMENTABLE THAT WE HAVE THIS SYSTEM WHERE THIS ELECTION WAS  
17 KNOWN TO BE A VERY BIG ONE AND IT WASN'T PROPERLY PREPARED  
18 FOR.

19  
20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER.

21  
22 **SARA WATTS:** MY NAME'S SARA WATTS. I WAS THE INSPECTOR OF  
23 PRECINCTS 9002988-A. I APPRECIATE MR. LOGAN'S WORDS AT THE  
24 BEGINNING, HOWEVER IT SEEMS LIKE THERE WAS A LOT OF BLAMING  
25 THE VOTERS HAPPENING. AND AS SOMEONE WHO WAS AN INSPECTOR, I



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1 VERIFIED EVERYBODY'S REGISTRATION WHO CAME IN ON MY PHONE. AND  
2 THERE WERE 57 PEOPLE IN MY SMALL LITTLE PRECINCT WHO HAD TO  
3 CAST A PROVISIONAL BALLOT WHO PROVIDED PROOF OF REGISTRATION,  
4 WHO BROUGHT THE SAMPLE BALLOT THAT THEY HAD IN THE MAIL WITH  
5 OUR POLLING PLACE AND OUR TABLE PRINTED ON IT WITH THEIR NAME.  
6 I GUESS I'M JUST-- I DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW THEY HAD TIME TO  
7 PRINT THE PROPER INFORMATION ON THE SAMPLE BALLOTS THAT WENT  
8 OUT BUT THEY DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO UPDATE OUR ROSTERS. THANK  
9 YOU.

10

11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THERESA BRADY, SUSAN MONET, JOHN  
12 MATTEI AND RAYES BARRERA. AND DIANA MAYORAL. AND HOLLY MOSHER.  
13 STATE YOUR NAME, MA'AM.

14

15 **SUSAN MONET:** HELLO MY NAME IS SUSAN MONET AND I'M A POLL  
16 WORKER. I WAS A POLL WORKER THAT DAY. ONE THING THAT HAS NOT  
17 BEEN MENTIONED IS, WHAT ABOUT THE DUAL TRAININGS? I HAVE  
18 COPIES OF TWO DIFFERENT CONTRADICTING MANUALS. I HAVE BEEN  
19 TALKING TO PEOPLE BECAUSE THIS IS SOMETHING THAT REALLY  
20 BOTHERED ME. I FOUND OUT ABOUT THIS TWO WEEKS BEFORE. AND I  
21 DIDN'T BELIEVE IT BECAUSE I WANTED TO BELIEVE, MR. LOGAN, THAT  
22 THIS WAS A FAIR ELECTION. I WOULD REALLY LIKE A RESPONSE TO  
23 THE FACT THAT I HAVE TWO DIFFERENT MANUALS WITH TWO DIFFERENT  
24 TRAININGS. ONE IS SAYING DON'T OFFER CROSSOVER BALLOTS.  
25 ANOTHER ONE IS SAYING OFFER CROSSOVER BALLOTS. CONTRADICTING





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1 TWO MANUALS. I REALLY WOULD LIKE AN ANSWER TO THAT. IT'S VERY  
2 IMPORTANT. BECAUSE IT'S THE THING THAT CAUSED THE PROVISIONAL  
3 BALLOTS AT THE POLLS. THE OTHER ISSUE I HAVE IS THAT THIS WAS  
4 ADDRESSED BY AN INSPECTOR THE SUNDAY BEFORE THE ELECTIONS AND  
5 THAT SUPERVISOR SAID, WE WILL CALL ALL THE POLL WORKERS AND  
6 CORRECT THIS. WELL, THAT ONLY AFFECTED 10 OR 15 POLL WORKERS.  
7 WHAT ABOUT THE OTHER WHATEVER NUMBER YOU POSTED, 300 OR  
8 WHOEVER IT WAS 1,000, I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY POLL WORKERS THERE  
9 ARE. THEY WERE NOT GIVEN PROPER INSTRUCTIONS. SO THAT IS A  
10 REALLY BIG ISSUE WITH NOT ONLY NOT INSTRUCTING PEOPLE  
11 CORRECTLY BUT IN ADDITION OBSTRUCTING THE CROSSOVER BALLOT.  
12 THAT IS-- [APPLAUSE.] WANT TO KNOW WHY THAT HAPPENED.

13

14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER.

15

16 **HENRY MATTEI:** HI, MY NAME IS HENRY MATTEI. I'M U.S.C. STUDENTS  
17 FOR BERNIE ORGANIZING DIRECTOR. ONE MINUTE IS NOT POSSIBLY  
18 ENOUGH TIME TO SHARE ALL THE STORIES I HAVE OF MY FRIENDS, OF  
19 MY FAMILY MEMBERS WHO COULD NOT VOTE OR HAD TO VOTE  
20 PROVISIONALLY, EVEN THOUGH THEY HAD PROOF OF REGISTRATION,  
21 THEY HAD THEIR SAMPLE BALLOT. THEIR POLL WORKERS TOLD THEM  
22 THEY WERE NOT ON THE LIST. ONE OF MY FRIENDS LATER CAME BACK  
23 AND ASKED IF HE WAS ON THE LIST AGAIN AND HAD THEM CHECK THE  
24 OTHER PRECINCT LIST AND HE WAS ON THE LIST BUT HE WAS TOLD HE  
25 WASN'T. POLL WORKERS WERE NOT TRAINED ENOUGH. AND I SPOKE TO A



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1 VETERAN POLL WORKER BECAUSE I WENT TO 7 DIFFERENT POLLING  
2 LOCATIONS BECAUSE I WANTED TO SEE. AND SHE SAID THAT THEY  
3 ELIMINATED THE MANDATORY IN PERSON TRAINING. WHY WOULD YOU  
4 WANT POLL WORKERS TO BE TRAINED LESS FOR ONE OF THE ELECTIONS  
5 WITH HISTORIC VOTER TURNOUT? WHAT I SAW WAS 80 PERCENT OF  
6 PROVISIONAL BALLOTS BEING GIVEN AT MY POLLING LOCATION , AT  
7 ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA IN ALLENDALE. POLL WORKERS, THREE DIDN'T  
8 SHOW UP. MANY HADN'T BEEN TRAINED AND MOST WERE BEING GIVEN  
9 PROVISIONALS. I WANT TO KNOW ARE WE GOING TO HAVE A  
10 TRANSPARENT PROCESS WHERE WE KNOW WHY PROVISIONAL BALLOTS ARE  
11 BEING NOT COUNTED AT THE REGISTRAR'S OFFICE BECAUSE THEY TOLD  
12 ME IT WAS ONLY GOING TO BE IF THERE WASN'T SIGNATURES ON IT OR  
13 IF THERE WAS SOME PROBLEM WITH THE REGISTRATION. I KNOW EVERY  
14 SINGLE PERSON THAT GOT A PROVISIONAL BALLOT WAS REGISTERED TO  
15 VOTE AND I WANT ALL THOSE PEOPLE TO BE NOTIFIED AND I WANT THE  
16 DEADLINE TO BE PUSHED BACK.

17

18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

19

20 **THERESA BRADY:** MY NAME IS THERESA BRADY. I WAS A POLL WORKER  
21 AT PRECINCT NUMBER 7100002-A AT THE TOPANGA COMMUNITY CLUB.  
22 AND I TAKE GREAT PRIDE IN BEING A POLL WORKER. I'VE BEEN A  
23 POLL WORKER MANY TIMES, AND THIS WAS THE MOST DIFFICULT ONE  
24 I'VE PARTICIPATED IN. IT WAS MOST DIFFICULT BECAUSE VOTER  
25 RECORDS DIFFERED FROM WHAT VOTERS EXPECTED IN MANY CASES. THE



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1 POLLS WERE UNDERSTAFFED. ONE OF OUR POLL STAFF COULDN'T COME.  
2 WE ONLY HAD TWO POLL WORKERS. SO WE HAD TO HAVE VOLUNTEERS. IN  
3 THAT CASE, VOLUNTEERS SHOULD REALLY SIGN IN. I AGREE WITH A  
4 LOT OF THINGS THAT WERE SAID IN A VERY SHORT TIME SO I'LL SAY  
5 OUR INSPECTOR ALSO HAD NO PASSWORD. POLL WORKERS WERE TRYING  
6 TO GIVE-- SUCH A SHORT TIME. THERE ARE SEVERAL PROCEDURES THAT  
7 MADE THIS ELECTION MORE COMPLICATED. ONE OF THE PRIMARY ONES  
8 WAS THE HUGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO WERE TOLD THEY HAD VOTE BY  
9 MAIL WHO DID NOT REQUEST OR RECEIVE IT. MANY PEOPLE TOOK AN  
10 EXTRA TRIP HOME TO LOOK FOR IT. SOME VOTED THEIR BALLOTS.  
11 OTHERS SURRENDERED IT AT THE POLLS. TWO CHANGES IN PROCEDURE  
12 COULD HELP VERIFY THE ACCURACY OF THE ELECTION. HAND COUNTING  
13 OF PAPER BALLOTS AND RECEIPTS TO EACH VOTER. AND I DID EMAIL  
14 THIS TO YOU EARLIER.

15

16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YOU CAN TURN IT IN AND WE CAN MAKE  
17 COPIES. THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

18

19 **DIANA MAYORAL:** HI, MY NAME IS DIANA MAYORAL. I WAS A POLL  
20 WORKER, PASADENA 7TH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH. A 72-YEAR-OLD  
21 LATINA WOMAN WHO SAID IT WAS HER BIRTHDAY CAME UP TO THE TABLE  
22 AND SAID SHE WANTED TO VOTE, HOWEVER, HER BALLOT HAD BEEN  
23 SOMEHOW SWITCHED OVER TO REPUBLICAN FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HER  
24 LIFE AND SHE HAD NO IDEA HOW THIS HAPPENED. THIS IS ONE OF  
25 SEVERAL SENIORS OF COLOR WHO WERE SWITCHED TO REPUBLICAN, AND



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1 YOU CAN TELL THEY HAD SHOWED UP TO THE POLLS WITH GREAT  
2 EFFORT, AND TOOK GREAT PRIDE IN BEING ABLE TO CAST A VOTE, A  
3 VOTE THEY FELT THAT WAS BEING TAKEN AWAY. ANOTHER MAJOR  
4 PROBLEM I SAW WAS MAIL-IN BALLOTS TO PEOPLE THAT HAD NEVER  
5 REQUESTED THEM. THEY WERE GIVEN PROVISIONAL BALLOTS. THIS  
6 HAPPENED SO OFTEN THAT I WAS NO LONGER SURPRISED WHEN SOMEONE  
7 SAID THEY NEVER REQUESTED TO VOTE BY MAIL. WHEN AN ELDERLY  
8 PERSON OF COLOR WALKS IN WITH A REPUBLICAN BALLOT SAYING THEY  
9 DON'T HAVE ANY IDEA HOW THEIR BALLOT CHANGED, AND THEY HAVE  
10 TROUBLE COMMUNICATING AND TROUBLE WALKING, THEY BECOME  
11 FRUSTRATED. BUT AFTER THE 30TH PERSON IS TELLING YOU THAT THEY  
12 DIDN'T REQUEST A BALLOT BY MAIL, YOU KNOW THAT SOMETHING IS  
13 VERY WRONG. THIS IS MY EXPERIENCE IN A VERY SMALL PRECINCT IN  
14 PASADENA. I'M SURE THIS IS DISTURBING TO YOU, AS WELL. WE HOPE  
15 YOU REALLY LISTEN AND TAKE ACTION. I WAS A VOLUNTEER VOTER. I  
16 JUST SHOWED UP TO THE POLLS ON A REQUEST FROM A TEXT. I HAD NO  
17 TRAINING. MY FRIEND DIDN'T HAVE HELP. AND SO I SHOWED UP ON AN  
18 ASK.

19  
20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. GO AHEAD, SIR.

21  
22 **RAYES BARRERA:** HELLO, MY NAME IS RAYES BARRERA. I'M A STUDENT  
23 AT CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LOS ANGELES. I'M ALSO A  
24 FOUNDER FOR CAL STATE L.A. FOR BERNIE. I JUST WANT TO  
25 EMPHASIZE, LAST STATE ELECTION, YOU ONLY HAD 8 PERCENT OF 18



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1 TO 24-YEAR-OLDS VOTING. THIS YEAR WE HAD A PRESIDENTIAL  
2 ELECTION OF 1.8 MILLION VOTERS COMING IN OR RE-REGISTERED  
3 VOTERS. WE HAD FINALS LAST WEEK ALSO DURING THIS ELECTION  
4 PERIOD. MANY STUDENTS HAD TO LEAVE CAL STATE L.A. TO GO BACK  
5 TO HAWTHORNE OR GO BACK TO INGLEWOOD, TO GO BACK TO WHEREVER  
6 THEY WANT, SO THEY COULD GET THEIR VOTE COUNTED. MANY OF THEM  
7 WENT TO OTHER VOTING PLACES AND THEY HAD TO GET A PROVISIONAL  
8 BALLOT. I JUST WANT TO EMPHASIZE THE NEED AND JUST REALLY THE  
9 NEED FOR POLLING PLACES TO BE PUT AT PUBLIC AND COLLEGE  
10 UNIVERSITIES. THIS WILL BE A LOT EASIER FOR OUR YOUNG EDUCATED  
11 STUDENTS WHO ARE ACTUALLY GOING TO SCHOOL AND WANTING TO SEE  
12 THE POLITICAL PROCESS IN A BETTER LIMELIGHT. I BELIEVE WE  
13 REALLY SHOULD PUT POLLING PLACES AT PUBLIC COLLEGES AND  
14 UNIVERSITIES. THANK YOU.

15

16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

17

18 **HOLLY MOSHER:** HI, MY NAME IS HOLLY MOSHER AND I WAS DOING  
19 VIDEO OF THE VOTE ON VOTING DAY. SO I WENT AND SAW A LOT OF  
20 PROBLEMS, BROKEN MACHINES, PEOPLE WHOSE PARTY HAD BEEN  
21 SWITCHED, PEOPLE WHO WERE VOTING BY MAIL AND HAD NOT GOTTEN  
22 THEIR STUFF IN THE MAIL AND CONFUSED. I WALKED INTO ONE  
23 LOCATION AND 3 OUT OF 4 PEOPLE WERE BEING GIVEN PROVISIONAL. I  
24 WALKED INTO U.C.L.A., DIFFERENT FROM TODD WHO EARLIER SPOKE, A  
25 DIFFERENT POLLING LOCATION AND THEY HADN'T OPENED TILL ALMOST



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1 NOON AND 75 TO 80 PEOPLE WERE GIVEN PROVISIONAL BALLOTS THAT  
2 DAY. I SAW A PROVISIONAL CASE WITHOUT THE BALLOT INSIDE. THE  
3 POLL WORKER SHOWED ME AND WAS LIKE, I DON'T KNOW WHERE THIS  
4 BALLOT WENT. I ALSO SAW-- MY COLLEAGUE WENT BACK LATER THAT  
5 DAY WE ESTIMATED AT THAT LOCATION MAYBE UP TO 200 PEOPLE WERE  
6 VOTING PROVISIONALLY. AND ONE STUDENT SAID SHE TOOK 20 MINUTES  
7 TO FINALLY HAVE THEM FIND HER NAME. BUT A LOT OF OTHER PEOPLE  
8 THERE WERE NOT AS PERSISTENT. AND ALSO WITH THE MEDIA, I'D  
9 LIKE TO HAVE L.A. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ISSUE A STATEMENT TO  
10 THE MEDIA THAT WHAT THEY DID ON MONDAY WAS IRREPREHENSIBLE. I  
11 KNOW MY DOCTOR DID NOT VOTE ON WEDNESDAY BECAUSE SHE SAW THAT  
12 HISTORY WAS MADE AND SHE SAID THAT FELT REALLY ICKY WHEN SHE  
13 HEARD THE TRUTH. SO PLEASE, WE NEED OUR PRESS RELEASE. PLEASE  
14 DO ONE BECAUSE YOU HAVE A LOT MORE WEIGHT THAN WE DO. THANK  
15 YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

16

17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SHELIAH WARD. ELIZABETH HUTCHISON.  
18 ESTELA AVALOS. JANECE GROSSMANN. LUIS GARCIA. DARRYL KRUSE.  
19 JUST STEP UP AND STATE YOUR NAME AND TRY TO ABIDE AT THIS  
20 TIME. PLEASE WE HAVE A LOT MORE SPEAKERS. THANK YOU. GO AHEAD,  
21 MA'AM.

22

23 **ELIZABETH HUTCHISON:** MY NAME IS ELIZABETH HUTCHISON. I WAS A  
24 POLLING INSPECTOR FOR TWO PRECINCTS IN SANTA MONICA BECAUSE OF  
25 INCREDIBLY SHORT STAFFING. PROBLEMS THAT I HAD AT MY LOCATION





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1 WERE GROSSLY INADEQUATE TRAINING, MYSELF INCLUDED. WE WERE  
2 VERY SHORT STAFFED. WE HAD BROKEN MACHINES. I HAD NEVER  
3 RECEIVED MY SUPPLEMENTAL LIST. I ASKED A FRIEND AFTER CALLING  
4 AROUND TO MULTIPLE PEOPLE AT THE COUNTY. I WAS FINALLY ABLE TO  
5 GET IT FAXED TO A STAPLES DOWN THE STREET. I HAD TO HAVE A  
6 FRIEND GO AND PICK IT UP FOR ME. I PAID FOR IT OUT OF MY OWN  
7 POCKET BECAUSE I WOULD NOT GIVE THOSE PEOPLE PROVISIONAL  
8 BALLOTS. [APPLAUSE.]

9

10 **ESTELA AVALOS:** HI, MY NAME IS ESTELA AVALOS. I WAS INSPECTOR  
11 FOR PRECINCT 9002307-A IN THE PALMS AREA OF LOS ANGELES. MY  
12 ROSTER AND SUPPLEMENTAL PAGES WERE EXTREMELY SHORT LISTS AND  
13 DIDN'T MATCH MY MASTER LIST. MY BALLOT READER WAS BROKEN.  
14 THERE WAS A LACK OF COMMUNICATION, OTHER INSTANCES; HOWEVER,  
15 MY GREATEST CONCERN WAS THAT SEVERAL PEOPLE IN MY PRECINCT HAD  
16 SHOWN ME PROOF ON LAVOTE.NET, THEIR SAMPLE BALLOTS AND OTHER  
17 RECENT AND OFFICIAL RECEIPTS THAT MY SUPPOSED OFFICIAL LIST  
18 WAS INACCURATE. THIS INCLUDED-- THIS IS IN REGARD TO THEIR  
19 PARTY AFFILIATIONS. SEVERAL ANGRY PEOPLE WALKED AWAY FROM  
20 VOTING THAT DAY. AFTER SEEING PROOF FROM OTHERS THAT MY LIST  
21 WAS MISINFORMED, I HAD GIVEN THE CORRECT BALLOT TO PEOPLE,  
22 FOLLOWING THE LEAD OF A TROUBLE-SHOOTER WHO HAD BEEN IN THE  
23 SAME SITUATION. WORKING THE POLLS SHOULD BE REQUIRED LIKE JURY  
24 DUTY PERHAPS. INSPECTORS SHOULD BE NOTIFIED OF A TROUBLE-  
25 SHOOTER, IN CASE THEIR COORDINATOR ISN'T ABLE TO HELP THEM AS



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1 IN MY CASE. POLL WORKERS SHOULD BE REQUIRED TO RECEIVE  
2 TRAINING AND THERE SHOULD BE A POSSIBLY PENALTY FINE FOR LAST  
3 MINUTE WORKER CANCELLATIONS. THE DEMOCRATIC STATEWIDE  
4 DELEGATION IS JUNE 19, THIS SUNDAY. I'D LIKE TO KNOW HOW SUCH  
5 A DELEGATION COULD BE AFFECTED BY THIS ELECTION.

6

7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER.

8

9 **LUIS GARCIA AYVENS:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD. MY NAME IS LUIS  
10 GARCIA AYVENS. I WANT TO START WITH THE FACT THAT THIS BOARD  
11 ITSELF IS LACKING PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION OF THE MAJORITY  
12 MINORITY COMMUNITY, VOTING COMMUNITY OF MEXICAN AMERICANS IN  
13 L.A. COUNTY, THEREBY DISENFRANCHISING OUR COMMUNITY IS A  
14 VIOLATION OF THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT. ALSO IT'S A CONFLICT OF  
15 INTEREST THAT COUNTY AND STATE WORKERS ARE OFFERED TO WORK AT  
16 THE POLLS AT THE \$171 A DAY PLUS SALARY. CALIFORNIA ELECTION  
17 CODES MUST BE AMENDED TO CHANGE THIS. I BELIEVE THE VOTING  
18 BALLOT MACHINES AND TALLY MACHINES USED IN THIS COUNTRY ARE  
19 RIGGED. THE LACK OF LEADERSHIP FROM THIS BOARD TO DENOUNCE THE  
20 MEDIA FALSE REPORTING IS UNACCEPTABLE. YOUR SILENCE ON THIS  
21 MATTER MAKES YOU EQUALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS FARCE. IN MY  
22 POLLING SITE, I WITNESSED UNQUALIFIED STAFF AT THIS SITE.  
23 SPECIFICALLY IN REGARDS TO CROSSOVER BALLOTS, AND-- THANK YOU.

24

25 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER.



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2 **SHELIAH WARD:** GREETINGS IN THE SPIRIT OF THE MOST HIGH.  
3 SHELIAH WARD. I WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST BECAUSE I DID WORK AT  
4 THE FEDERATION OF UNIONS FOR A LONG TIME AND I WAS THEIR  
5 NUMBER ONE GIRL ON THE JOB, TILL TO DATE, THAT ALL COMPUTERS  
6 IN THE DISTRICT HAVE A MASTER COMPUTER, THAT WE VOTE AT A POLL  
7 LIKE A SHOPPING CENTER STORE OR A LIBRARY, THAT THE COMPUTERS  
8 AND THE PROVISIONAL BALLOTS BE BALANCED OFF TOGETHER, THAT YOU  
9 HAVE MORE THAN ONE WAY OF KNOWING THAT THE PERSON VOTED. AND  
10 THAT WE STOP PROVOKING MILITARY LAW TO KEEP OBAMA IN THAT DID  
11 NOTHING TO HELP BLACK ICON INDIANS LIKE ADOLF HITLER DID. I  
12 DON'T WANT TO LIVE IN A BURNED OUT WORLD. THE POLITICAL  
13 POSITION HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED. LET'S MAKE IT BETTER FOR ALL OF  
14 US, NOT WORSE.

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16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** JANECE GROSSMANN. DARRYL KRUSE? EDEN  
17 MCFADDEN. LINDA OKAMURA. JACOB TURMELLE. JEANINE ROHN. GO  
18 AHEAD, MA'AM STATE YOUR NAME.

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20 **SPEAKER:** MY ISSUE IS NOTHING RELATED TO THIS, SO IS THAT OKAY?

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22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NO, WE'RE TAKING UP ITEMS REGARDING  
23 ELECTIONS. DO YOU WANT TO WAIT THAT'S FINE. OKAY, THANK YOU.  
24 NEXT SPEAKER?

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1   **LINDA OKAMURA:** MY NAME IS LINDA OKAMURA. I WAS A POLL CLERK AT  
2   THE SANTA THERESA CHURCH OVER IN SILVER LAKE. AT MY STATION,  
3   ALL POLL WORKERS FOR OUR DISTRICT HAD QUIT THE NIGHT BEFORE. I  
4   JUST HAPPENED TO CALL IN. I HAD CALLED IN TO BE A POLL WORKER  
5   A WEEK BEFORE. I HADN'T HEARD BACK SO I CALLED THAT MONDAY AND  
6   THEY SAID YEAH, THEY NEEDED A LOT OF PEOPLE. SO I WENT IN AS A  
7   POLL WORKER THERE. OVER AT THE ALESSANDRO SCHOOL, WHICH IS  
8   CLOSE BY, THAT WAS ALSO A POLL STATION. NONE OF THE WORKERS  
9   SHOWED UP. NO POLL INSPECTOR, NOTHING. SO THEY HAD NOTHING  
10  THERE. ALSO MR. LOGAN HAD MADE THE EXCUSE THAT A LOT OF THE  
11  PROBLEMS WERE NEW VOTERS. OUR COUNTRY, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA,  
12  LOS ANGELES, WE'VE HAD ELECTIONS FOR YEARS. SO WHY IS THERE  
13  ALL OF A SUDDEN A PROBLEM? WE HAVE COMPUTERS. THANK YOU.

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15  **EDEN MCFADDEN:** MY NAME IS EDEN MCFADDEN. I'M A DELEGATE ELECT  
16  FOR DISTRICT 34. I WALKED MY MAIL IN BALLOT INTO WELCOM  
17  PASADENA AND AS OF TODAY, IT STILL HAS NOT BEEN ACCEPTED BY  
18  THE REGISTRAR. I VOLUNTEERED AS A POLL WATCHER AND I WENT  
19  AROUND TO A COUPLE DIFFERENT LOCATIONS IN DISTRICT 34. WHAT I  
20  SAW WERE MAIL-IN VOTERS SURRENDERING THEIR MAIL-IN BALLOTS AND  
21  GIVEN PROVISIONALS. I WAS SEEING N.P.P. VOTERS COMING IN AND  
22  REQUESTING A CROSSOVER BALLOT AND BEING GIVEN PROVISIONALS. I  
23  SAW PEOPLE COMING IN WITH THEIR VOTER REGISTRATION CARD AND  
24  TOLD THAT THEY WEREN'T ON THE LIST AND THAT THEY HAD TO HAVE A  
25  PROVISIONAL. THEY THEN PULLED OUT THEIR PHONE AND PULLED UP



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1 THEIR REGISTRATION STATUS SHOWING THAT THEY WERE CURRENTLY  
2 REGISTERED AS A DEMOCRAT AND THAT THEY WERE IN FACT AT THE  
3 CORRECT POLLING LOCATION AND HAD THEIR LITTLE CARDBOARD  
4 RECEIPT AND THEY WERE GIVEN PROVISIONALS. I SAW MACHINES NOT  
5 REJECTING BALLOTS WHEN PEOPLE ONLY VOTED FOR PRESIDENT AND NO  
6 OTHER CANDIDATE, NO OTHER OFFICE. AND I HAD ONE OF THE LADIES  
7 THREATEN TO CALL THE POLICE ON ME FOR BEING THERE WHEN I  
8 APPROACHED PEOPLE WITH PROVISIONAL BALLOTS HELPING THEM FIND  
9 THEIR CORRECT POLLING LOCATION WHICH 12 PEOPLE IN 30 MINUTES I  
10 FOUND WERE AT THE WRONG LOCATION.

11  
12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

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14 **JEANINE ROHN:** MY NAME'S JEANINE ROHN AND I'M A VOTER IN  
15 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 34, AS WELL. THERE'S BEEN SEVERAL  
16 PEOPLE FROM 34 THAT HAVE SPOKE BEEN THE IRREGULARITIES AT THE  
17 POLLING STATIONS. I HAD SEVERAL FRIENDS THAT WERE AT THE STATE  
18 POLLING STATIONS REPORTING TO ME VARIOUS PROBLEMS I CALLED  
19 BOTH THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND THE REGISTRAR'S OFFICE TO SEE  
20 IF THERE WERE MORE POLLING PLACES THAT WERE SHORT STAFFED OR  
21 ILL FORMED AND NO ONE COULD GIVE ME ANYWHERE ONLINE WHERE I  
22 COULD SEND MORE PEOPLE, MORE OF MY FRIENDS TO HELP WITH  
23 INFORMING PEOPLE AT THE POLLING STATIONS. SEVERAL MESSAGES  
24 LEFT. I ALSO WANT TO BRING UP THE FACT ABOUT THE MAIL-IN  
25 BALLOTS. FROM WHAT I UNDERSTOOD, I WENT TO THE REGISTRAR



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1 YESTERDAY. THE CUTOFF WAS POSTMARK DATE OF THE 7TH. AND WE  
2 WERE TOLD THAT IF THEY HADN'T RECEIVED ANY OF THE MAIL-IN  
3 VOTES BY FRIDAY, THAT I'D LIKE TO EXTEND THE DATE BECAUSE  
4 TOMORROW IS THE LAST DAY THAT PEOPLE CAN SIGN THE ENVELOPES.  
5 THEY SHOULD HAVE BEEN INFORMED BY THE REGISTRAR IF SOMETHING  
6 WASN'T SIGNED. BUT THEY WOULD HAVE HAD TO TURN AROUND A LETTER  
7 SAME DAY ON FRIDAY AFTER RECEIVING THREE DAYS OF THEIR BALLOT  
8 BEING IN THE MAIL, THEY WOULD HAVE HAD TO TURN IT AROUND IN  
9 THE SAME DAY AND GET A LETTER OUT TO THOSE VOTERS IN ORDER FOR  
10 THEM TO GET IN AND BE EXTENDED.

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12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER?

13

14 **JACOB TURMELLE:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS JACOB TURMELLE. I'M  
15 ONE OF MANY PEOPLE HERE TODAY WHO WAS INVOLVED IN REGISTERING  
16 NEW VOTERS. WE HAD A MASSIVE TURNOUT THIS YEAR AND IT WAS  
17 INCREDIBLE TO SEE THAT WE REGISTERED ALMOST 2 MILLION NEW  
18 VOTERS. I WAS LUCKY ENOUGH, ONE OF THE PEOPLE TO NOT HAVE-- MY  
19 ACTUAL, MY PROCESS OF VOTING WENT ACTUALLY PRETTY SMOOTHLY.  
20 I'M SPEAKING OF MY FRIEND CHRISTIAN FROM EAST L.A. WHO  
21 RECEIVED HIS SAMPLE BALLOT. REGISTERED EVERYTHING PERFECTLY.  
22 AGAIN RECEIVED HIS SAMPLE BALLOT IN THE MAIL. AND WHEN HE WENT  
23 TO VOTE ON ELECTION DAY, HIS VOTING PLACE DID NOT HAVE HIS  
24 NAME THERE. HIS MOTHER WHO LIVES IN THE SAME HOUSE WAS ALSO  
25 UNABLE-- WAS ON THE LIST. HE WENT BACK HOME. HE CHECKED





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1 LAVOTE.NET AND HE WAS STILL NOT REGISTERED-- NO, HE WAS  
2 REGISTERED AS A DEMOCRAT. HE CHECKED TWICE, THREE TIMES. WENT  
3 BACK AND HE WAS FORCED TO TAKE A PROVISIONAL BALLOT. I THINK  
4 IT'S UNACCEPTABLE THAT WE HAD EARLY VOTERS WHO WERE COUNTED AS  
5 PROVISIONAL BALLOTS. PEOPLE WHO WERE REGISTERING EARLY AND  
6 WERE GOING AHEAD OUT OF THEIR WAY TO GET INVOLVED IN OUR  
7 DEMOCRATIC ARE NOT BEING COUNTED ON ELECTION DAY. I THINK  
8 THAT'S UNACCEPTABLE WHEN THOSE WERE THE PEOPLE WHO WERE THE  
9 MOST PREPARED OUT OF ANYONE WHO WERE TAKING TIME WELL BEYOND  
10 ELECTION DAY TO CAST THEIR VOTE AND THAT'S NOT EVEN COUNTED ON  
11 ELECTION DAY. THANK YOU.

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13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OKAY WE HAVE CHELSEA KIRK.  
14 MILES TACKETT. ERIC PREVEN. DES OREGAN. LANI TROCK. ARNOLD  
15 SACHS.

16

17 **CHELSEA KIRK:** I'M CHELSEA KIRK. I WORKED AS A VOLUNTEER  
18 ORGANIZER WITH THE BERNIE SANDERS CAMPAIGN FOR CONGRESSIONAL  
19 DISTRICT 28. AND ON JUNE 7TH OF THE PRIMARY, I WAS WORKING IN  
20 THE OFFICE TAKING VOTER INQUIRIES BY PHONE. AND THEN  
21 REDIRECTING PEOPLE TO OUR VOTER HOTLINE. BY DOING THIS, I CAME  
22 ACROSS MANY DEVASTATING AND DISHEARTENING STORIES. AN  
23 OVERWHELMING AMOUNT OF PEOPLE HAD TO VOTE PROVISIONALLY. MANY  
24 PEOPLE WHO WERE NOT REGISTERED AS PERMANENT VOTE BY MAIL  
25 SHOWED UP AT THEIR POLLING PLACES AND WERE TOLD TO GO HOME AND



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1 GET THEIR BALLOTS FROM HOME AND BRING THEM BACK OR MAIL THEM  
2 IN. BUT THE MOST INFURIATING STORY HAPPENED IN THE WOODLAND  
3 HILLS AREA AT 4900 SERANIA AVENUE AT THE PACIFIC LODGE YOUTH  
4 SERVICES POLLING STATION WHERE NO PARTY PREFERENCE VOTERS WERE  
5 BEING DENIED THE RIGHT TO CAST A BALLOT IN ANY OTHER PARTY.  
6 THEY WEREN'T EVEN ALLOWED TO VOTE PROVISIONALLY. THEY WERE  
7 TOLD THEY WERE ONLY ALLOWED TO VOTE ON THEIR NONPARTISAN  
8 BALLOT. SO MANY VOTERS-- THIS HAPPENED AT 2 P.M. A CALL  
9 RECEIVED BY A WOMAN. AND SHE WAS BEING DENIED THE RIGHT TO GET  
10 A CROSSOVER DEMOCRATIC BALLOT OR EVEN TO VOTE PROVISIONALLY  
11 AND SHE WAS FORCED TO VOTE ON HER NONPARTISAN BALLOT. THIS WAS  
12 HAPPENING-- THIS HAPPENED TO HER DAUGHTER IN ANOTHER AREA, IN  
13 THE WOODLAND HILLS AREA IN A DIFFERENT POLLING STATION. MANY  
14 PEOPLE WERE DENIED A RIGHT TO CAST A VOTE FOR PRESIDENTIAL  
15 CANDIDATE. IT'S REALLY DISCONCERTING TO THINK THAT I'M OVER  
16 HERE SAYING, YOU'RE FORTUNATE IF YOU GOT TO VOTE PROVISIONALLY  
17 BECAUSE SOME PEOPLE DIDN'T GET TO CAST A VOTE FOR PRESIDENTIAL  
18 CANDIDATE.

19  
20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ERIC PREVEN?

21  
22 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, IT'S ERIC PREVEN FROM THE THIRD DISTRICT. MY  
23 18-YEAR-OLD SON HAD REGISTERED TO VOTE, SHOWED UP. THEY DIDN'T  
24 HAVE HIM. HE WAS ASKED TO VOTE PROVISIONALLY. HE DID. ONE  
25 SERIOUS CONCERN IS THE DAY AFTER THE ELECTION DAY WE GOT A



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1 LETTER FROM THE REGISTRAR-RECORDER SAYING, DON'T FORGET TO  
2 VOTE. SO THAT WAS A BIT PROBLEMATIC. THAT HAS TO GO OUT  
3 EARLIER, I THINK. I JUST WANT TO EMPHASIZE THIS IS A VERY,  
4 VERY SERIOUS PROBLEM, AS YOU ALL KNOW. THE CONSTITUTION,  
5 ARTICLE 1 AND 2 PROVIDES FOR THIS AND THE AMENDMENT 17. THIS  
6 IS NOT MESSING AROUND. WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING. BOARD OF  
7 SUPERVISORS IS VERY FAMILIAR WITH THIS TERRITORY. YOU NEED TO  
8 TAKE SOME STRONG ACTION. THE REGISTRAR RECORDER IS A DECENT  
9 GUY BUT WE HAVE ELECTIONS AND WE HAVE ELECTION VOTER OUTREACH.  
10 THOSE SHOULD BE SEPARATED. THIS MAN HAS BEEN STRUGGLING WITH  
11 AN INSUFFICIENT BUDGET, AND THIS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS KNOWS  
12 IT. THEY KNOW IT, JUST LIKE THEY KNOW WE'VE BEEN STRUGGLING  
13 WITH THE DEFICIT IN HANDLING OUR MENTALLY ILL AND OTHERS. THIS  
14 IS A COUNTY PROBLEM. THIS NEEDS TO BE SOLVED BY THE BOARD OF  
15 SUPERVISORS, NOT IN A LIGHT AND GENTLE, OH WELL, WE'RE SORRY  
16 YOU LOST. THIS NEEDS TO BE FIXED. [APPLAUSE.]

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18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** RAISE THE ROOF, PLEASE. NEXT SPEAKER?

19

20 **MILES TACKETT:** YES MY NAME IS MILES TACKETT AND I'M A VOTER  
21 FROM DISTRICT 34. AND ON JUNE 7TH I HAD ALREADY CAST MY BALLOT  
22 BY MAIL, SO I DECIDED AND I FELT IT WAS NECESSARY TO BE A  
23 VOLUNTEER POLL WATCHER. I WENT TO A FEW DIFFERENT LOCATIONS I  
24 WITNESSED MULTIPLE INSTANCES-- WELL, I'LL JUST START, WITHIN  
25 THE FIRST FIVE MINUTES I WALKED IN, I SAW A GENTLEMAN WHO WAS



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1 NOT ON THE VOTER ROLL LIST, HAD HIS REGISTRATION RECEIPT VOTER  
2 REGISTRATION RECEIPT CARD. IT WAS DATED ON MAY 18TH THAT HE  
3 HAD BEEN REGISTERED. WE CHECKED ONLINE. CONFIRMED THAT HE WAS  
4 REGISTERED. CONFIRMED THAT HE WAS AT THE CORRECT POLLING  
5 PLACES. HE WAS NOT ON THE VOTER ROLL. SO THAT JUST RIGHT THERE  
6 MADE NO SENSE AT ALL, AND IT WAS LIKE, OKAY, THAT S A BIG RED  
7 FLAG. AND THEN IT JUST PROCEEDED TO GET WORSE AND WORSE WITH  
8 PROVISIONAL BALLOTS JUST BEING HANDED OUT WITHOUT ANY EFFORT  
9 BEING MADE. IN MANY INSTANCES I WATCHED POLL WORKERS TO CHECK  
10 THE POLLING PLACE OR EVEN AT THE RIGHT PRECINCT TABLE AT THAT  
11 POLLING PLACE. WE WOULD TRY, MYSELF AND TWO OTHER PEOPLE WOULD  
12 TRY TO HELP. AND WHEN WE DID, WE GOT A LOT OF PUSHBACK FROM  
13 THE POLL WORKERS AT CERTAIN TABLES. AND THEN A REPRESENTATIVE,  
14 A VOLUNTEER REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE RECORDER'S OFFICE WAS  
15 THERE. NAMED PAKITA MANSOURI. AND SHE WAS EXTREMELY HOSTILE.

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17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER.

18

19 **DES OREGAN:** MY NAME IS DES OREGAN. I HAD A LITTLE TROUBLE ON  
20 VOTING DAY, BUT WHAT'S MORE CONCERNING TO ME IS THE APPEARANCE  
21 OF YOUR LACK OF-- OR DISINTEREST ON EVERYBODY HERE'S PART ON  
22 THIS BOARD, EATING SANDWICHES, BEING ON THE PHONE, LAUGHING,  
23 NOT PAYING ATTENTION. [APPLAUSE.] I'M NOT TRYING TO BE A THORN  
24 IN ANYBODY'S SIDE. MAYBE I'M JUST UNFAMILIAR WITH YOUR  
25 PROCESS. BUT WHEN YOU HAVE PEOPLE WHO HAVE GIVEN UP WORK FOR



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1 THE DAY AND WHO ARE TALKING ABOUT VOTER SUPPRESSION, OF ALL  
2 THINGS, I WOULD EXPECT A LITTLE RESPECT TO THOSE PEOPLE WHO  
3 WERE UP HERE. THAT'S ALL. MISS SOLIS, YOU'VE BEEN PAYING  
4 ATTENTION, I'VE BEEN WATCHING EVERYBODY UP HERE. BUT MANY OF  
5 YOU HAVE NOT BEEN. BUT YOU NEED TO AT LEAST HAVE THE  
6 PERCEPTION OF RESPECT FOR THESE PEOPLE AND FOR DEMOCRACY.  
7 [APPLAUSE.] THAT'S IT. JUST A PERCEPTION, THAT'S ALL WE'RE  
8 ASKING. THANK YOU.

9

10 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I ALSO WANTED TO CALL UP LANI TROCK.  
13 ARE YOU HERE? OKAY. GO AHEAD.

14

15 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS. AND I  
16 COULD ALMOST PIGGYBACK ON WHAT THE GENTLEMAN SAID. PEOPLE COME  
17 IN HERE TO TALK ABOUT THIS PROBLEM WITH THE VOTING. WAIT TILL  
18 THE COUNTY BOARD WHEELS START TURNING. YOU'LL START TO HEAR  
19 PLANS ABOUT THE HOUSING PLAN AND THEIR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
20 PLAN AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT  
21 AND ALL THE THINGS THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OVERSEES. HOW  
22 ARE YOU DOING OUT THERE IN THE PUBLIC DOMAIN? ACTUALLY, THE  
23 POLLING PLACE I WORKED AT, PERFECT. STARTED WITH 700 BALLOTS.  
24 COUNTED THEM ALL UP, 700 AT THE END. IN AND OUT. BUT THERE  
25 WERE SOME PROBLEMS. I WISH YOU WOULD HAVE ADDRESSED THE



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1 INDEPENDENT REGISTER VOTING. YOU SHOULD HAVE DONE THAT SIX  
2 MONTHS AGO. AND I LIKE WHAT DEAN, THE REGISTRAR-RECORDER SAID,  
3 ABOUT THE CALIFORNIA STATE POLICY CHANGING FOR REGISTRATION  
4 FOR TWO WEEKS. AND YET THE REGISTRAR'S OFFICE HAD TO MAIL OUT  
5 THE PROVISIONAL LIST 25 DAYS IN ADVANCE. WHAT STEPS DID YOU  
6 TAKE TO ADDRESS THAT CHANGE IN THE CALIFORNIA STATE POLICY?  
7 ZERO. THAT'S THE PROBLEM. [APPLAUSE.]

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9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MEMBERS, THIS ITEM IS BEFORE US.  
10 RIGHT.

11

12 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** MADAME CHAIR, THERE IS A MOTION TO  
13 APPROVE THIS ITEM.

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15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MOVED BY MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WHAT ARE WE APPROVING?

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19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE'RE APPROVING THE CARSON ELECTION.  
20 TO CHANGE THE DATE FOR THEIR ELECTION. BUT IT'S FOR CARSON.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE:** THE CHANGE OF DATE REQUEST. THEY HELD THE ITEM.

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** LET ME JUST SAY THAT THE FOR THE RECORD  
25 THE TESTIMONY WAS NOT PARTICULARLY GERMANE TO THE SPECIFIC





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1 ITEM BEFORE US, ALTHOUGH IT WAS CERTAINLY APPROPRIATE FOR  
2 PEOPLE TO EXPRESS THEIR OPINIONS. AND TO THE SPEAKER BEFORE  
3 LAST WHO WAS UNDER THE MISTAKEN IMPRESSION THAT WE WEREN'T  
4 PAYING ATTENTION, LET ME JUST SIMPLY SAY YOU COULDN'T BE  
5 FURTHER ACCURATE IN THAT REGARD-- INACCURATE THAT IN THAT  
6 REGARD. AND THERE ARE PEOPLE ON BOTH SIDES OF THIS TABLE WHO  
7 ARE STAFF WHO PAY ATTENTION, WHO KNOW WHAT YOU'VE SAID, AND  
8 THOSE OTHER SPEAKERS. AND IF YOU WANT TO TEST THAT, WE'LL BE  
9 GLAD TO SATISFY YOUR CURIOSITY IN THAT CONNECTION. SO I GET  
10 YOUR SENSE OF BEING DISMAYED BY IMPLICATIONS OF INCOMPETENCE  
11 AND/OR DISENFRANCHISEMENT, ET CETERA. JUST APPRECIATE THAT  
12 SOME OF US CUT OUR EYE TEETH ON CIVIL RIGHTS AND THE ISSUE OF  
13 VOTER SUPPRESSION, AND WE HAVE NOT ABANDONED THAT CAUSE. WE  
14 ARE HERE IN PART FOR THAT EXPRESS PURPOSE. WE TRUST THAT YOU  
15 UNDERSTAND AND APPRECIATE THAT. MOVE THE ITEM, MADAME CHAIR.

16

17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION? WITHOUT OBJECTION,  
18 SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER. THANK YOU. WE APPRECIATE THE PUBLIC  
19 COMING OUT. AND WHILE WE DID REALIZE THERE WERE GOING TO BE  
20 MANY PEOPLE COMING TO SPEAK BEFORE US, WE DID WHAT WE COULD  
21 LEGALLY TO ALLOW FOR THIS DISCUSSION TO TAKE PLACE. THE VOTE  
22 WAS TAKEN ON AN ITEM REGARDING A PARTICULAR ELECTION IN THE  
23 CITY OF CARSON. SO THERE IS DEMOCRACY AT WORK. WE KNOW THAT WE  
24 CAN DO BETTER. AND WE APPRECIATE YOUR INFORMATION AND YOUR



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1 CONCERNS. AND WE'LL TAKE THOSE TO HEED BECAUSE WE KNOW WE HAVE  
2 A LONG WAY TO GO BETWEEN NOW AND NOVEMBER. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AND IT'S ALL A PART OF THE PUBLIC RECORD  
5 AND DOCUMENTED.

6

7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OKAY, MEMBERS, WE WILL  
8 TURN TO ITEM R-1, 22 AND 73, SHARPS. AND WE HAVE A  
9 PRESENTATION BY STAFF.

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11 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** YES, MADAME CHAIR, DR. JEFFREY  
12 GUNZENHAUSER, INTERIM HEALTH OFFICER, AND ANGELO BELLOMO ARE  
13 HERE TO MAKE A PRESENTATION.

14

15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** READY FOR Y'ALL. DR. BELLOMO?

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17 **DR. JEFFREY GUNZENHAUSER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS DR.  
18 JEFFREY GUNZENHAUSER. I'M THE INTERIM HEALTH OFFICER, WORK IN  
19 THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH. WITH ME THIS AFTERNOON IS MR.  
20 ANGELO BELLOMO, OUR DEPARTMENT'S DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR HEALTH  
21 PROTECTION, AND MR. COBY SKYE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC  
22 WORKS. LAST AUGUST, YOUR BOARD DIRECTED OUR DEPARTMENTS, ALONG  
23 WITH CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE, COUNTY COUNSEL, DEPARTMENT OF  
24 HEALTH SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, SHERIFF'S  
25 DEPARTMENT, INTERNAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, AND COUNTY



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1 SANITATION DISTRICTS TO INVESTIGATE OPTIONS FOR REDUCING  
2 IMPROPER USE AND DISPOSAL OF UNUSED AND EXPIRED MEDICATIONS TO  
3 INCLUDE LOOKING AT THE FEASIBILITY OF ADOPTING AN ORDINANCE  
4 SIMILAR TO THE PHARMACEUTICAL TAKE-BACK ORDINANCES THAT HAVE  
5 BEEN ADOPTED BY OTHER COUNTIES IN THE STATE. MORE RECENTLY  
6 YOUR BOARD ASKED US TO CONSULT AND WORK WITH OTHERS TO EXPLORE  
7 A MORE IMMEDIATE OPTIONS THAT COULD BE IMPLEMENTED  
8 EXPEDITIOUSLY TO PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH. SO WE'RE HERE TODAY TO  
9 PROVIDE YOU INFORMATION ON THE WORK THAT WE'VE DONE AND HAVE  
10 PROVIDED YOU A DRAFT ORDINANCE FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION. FROM MY  
11 PERSPECTIVE AS INTERIM HEALTH OFFICER, THE HARMS POSED BY THE  
12 LACK OF A CONVENIENT, SAFE AND SUSTAINABLE SYSTEM FOR  
13 DISPOSING UNUSED AND EXPIRED MEDICATIONS ARE VERY SERIOUS.  
14 RIGHT HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, ON AVERAGE 1 OR 2 PERSONS  
15 DIE EACH DAY FROM AN OVERDOSE OF A PRESCRIBED MEDICATION. THE  
16 NEXUS BETWEEN INADEQUATE DISPOSAL OF PRESCRIBED DRUGS AND THE  
17 NATIONWIDE OPIOID EPIDEMIC HAS BEEN WELL-ESTABLISHED. AND  
18 ESTABLISHING AN ADEQUATE SYSTEM OF DISPOSAL IS RECOGNIZED AS A  
19 NATIONAL PRIORITY. AS WITH MOST SERIOUS PUBLIC HEALTH  
20 PROBLEMS, THE SOLUTION REQUIRES CONCERTED UNITED TEAMWORK TO  
21 IMPLEMENT STRATEGIES THAT ARE LIKELY TO SUCCEED. BASED ON MY  
22 PROFESSIONAL REVIEW OF THE SITUATION, I THINK THE DATA SPEAK  
23 FOR THEMSELVES, AND MAKE IT CLEAR THAT WE MUST TAKE ACTION  
24 SOON TO PROTECT LIVES. WE'RE HERE TODAY TO PROVIDE YOU FACTUAL  
25 INFORMATION AS YOU CONSIDER VARIOUS OPTIONS. I'LL NOW BE



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1 FOLLOWED BY MR. ANGELO BELLOMO WHO WILL PROVIDE ADDITIONAL  
2 INFORMATION ON OUR COLLECTIVE WORK.

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4 **ANGELO BELLOMO:** THANK YOU. AGAIN ANGELO BELLOMO, DEPUTY  
5 DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH. THANK YOU, DR. GUNZE HAUSER. AN  
6 ESTIMATED 200 MILLION POUNDS OF PHARMACEUTICAL WASTE ARE  
7 GENERATED EACH YEAR. HERE IN THE COUNTY HOUSEHOLDS, WE  
8 ESTIMATE 6 MILLION POUNDS GENERATED EACH YEAR. AND WHAT'S NOT  
9 BEING STORED IN MEDICINE CABINETS IS EITHER DISPOSED OF IN THE  
10 TRASH OR BY FLUSHING INTO OUR SEWERS. E.P.A. ESTIMATES THAT  
11 PEOPLE IN THE U.S. USE MORE THAN 3 BILLION NEEDLES, SYRINGES  
12 AND LANCETS EACH YEAR. AND IN OUR COUNTY HOUSEHOLDS, WE  
13 ESTIMATE THERE ARE 90 MILLION SHARPS USED EACH YEAR. IN OUR  
14 COUNTY, FROM 2000 TO 2009 THERE WERE 6,200, THAT IS 6,265  
15 DRUG-RELATED DEATHS AND 61 PERCENT OF THESE INVOLVED COMMONLY  
16 ABUSED PRESCRIPTION OR OVER-THE-COUNTER DRUGS. PHARMACEUTICALS  
17 HAVE BEEN FOUND IN WATER SUPPLIES, DRINKING WATER SUPPLIES  
18 THAT SERVE AT LEAST 46 MILLION AMERICANS. LET'S JUST TALK A  
19 LITTLE BIT ABOUT WHY TRASH DISPOSAL IS NOT A SOLUTION. FIRST,  
20 DISPOSING OF SHARPS IN THE TRASH IS ILLEGAL. AND EVEN WHEN WE  
21 DON'T SPECIFICALLY MENTION SHARPS BUT PROMOTE TRASH DISPOSAL,  
22 SHARPS INVARIABLY WILL FIND THEIR WAY INTO THE TRASH BECAUSE  
23 IT'S A COMPLICATED MESSAGE THAT YOU CAN GET RID OF YOUR  
24 PHARMACEUTICALS BUT NOT SHARPS. SECOND, CRUSHING PILLS AND  
25 MIXING THEM AS SUGGESTED BY THE PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY IS



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1 COMPLICATED AND COULD LEAD TO INCREASED EXPOSURE THROUGH  
2 INHALATION OF THE PULVERIZED MEDICATIONS AND THROUGH SKIN  
3 CONTACT. IN ADDITION, THE DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION  
4 REGULATIONS SAY THAT MIXING CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES IN THE  
5 MANNER PRESCRIBED DOES NOT MEET THE NON RETRIEVABLE STANDARDS.  
6 WHAT I'M REALLY REFERRING TO HERE IS THAT, OFTEN AS THIS  
7 DEBATE HAS UNFOLDED ACROSS THE COUNTRY, DRUG MANUFACTURERS  
8 TALK ABOUT DISPOSAL AND SUGGEST THAT THOSE WHO WANT TO GET RID  
9 OF THEIR UNWANTED MEDICATIONS CRUSH THEM, MIX THEM WITH COFFEE  
10 GROUNDS, OR WITH KITTY LITTER, MIX THEM WITH WATER, PUT THEM  
11 IN A PLASTIC BAG AND THEN TOSS THEM IN THE TRASH. AND THAT'S A  
12 VERY COMPLICATED MESSAGE. AND WE ALSO DON'T BELIEVE IT'S AN  
13 APPROPRIATE METHOD. OKAY. ENCOURAGING TRASH DISPOSAL OF THESE  
14 WASTES IS ALSO CONTRARY TO BOARD POLICY ON RECYCLING WASTE  
15 REDUCTION, AND SUSTAINABILITY AND ALSO INCONSISTENT WITH  
16 BOARD-ADOPTED POLICY IN 2008 WHICH SUPPORTED THE PRINCIPLE OF  
17 EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY, ENCOURAGING MANUFACTURERS OF  
18 PRODUCTS, ESPECIALLY DIFFICULT-TO-MANAGE PRODUCTS SUCH AS  
19 THESE, TO ASSUME GREATER RESPONSIBILITY IN THE END-OF-LIFE  
20 MANAGEMENT OF THE PRODUCT. GETTING TO THE TOLL ON PUBLIC  
21 HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT, NEARLY 75 PERCENT OF RESIDENTS WHO  
22 MISUSE PAIN RELIEVERS OBTAIN THEM FROM RELATIVES OR FRIENDS.  
23 THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF DRUG ABUSE NOTE THAT THE NUMBER OF  
24 DRUG OVERDOSE DEATHS HAVE TRIPLED SINCE 2,000 CONSISTENT WITH  
25 DR. GUNZENHAUSER'S COMMENTS, AND IS NOW THE LEADING CAUSE OF



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1 INJURIES RESULTING IN DEATH. IT ACTUALLY SURPASSES THE NUMBER  
2 OF DEATHS BY BOTH MOTOR VEHICLE CRASHES AND FIREARMS.  
3 ACCORDING TO E.P.A., PEOPLE AT THE GREATEST RISK OF BEING  
4 STUCK BY USED SHARPS INCLUDE SANITATION AND SEWAGE TREATMENT  
5 WORKERS, JANITORS DEALING WITH TRASH, AND HOUSEKEEPERS AND  
6 CHILDREN. D.P.H. CONDUCTED A SURVEY IN PREPARATION OF THE WORK  
7 WE'VE BEEN DOING WITH THE EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY  
8 WORKGROUP IN WHICH WE SURVEYED 1,000 RESIDENTS AT EITHER THE  
9 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES CLINIC PHARMACIES, RALPH'S  
10 PHARMACIES AS WELL AS ONLINE, AND THE SURVEY RESULTS WERE VERY  
11 INTERESTING. WE FOUND THAT 60 PERCENT OF THE RESPONDENTS HAVE  
12 MEDICINE IN THEIR HOME THEY NO LONGER NEED. 3/4 OF THE SURVEY  
13 RESPONDENTS BELIEVED PUTTING MEDICINE DOWN THE TOILET OR SINK  
14 IS HARMFUL FOR THE ENVIRONMENT. AND MORE THAN HALF OF THE  
15 RESPONDENTS BELIEVE THAT PUTTING MEDICINES IN THE TRASH IS  
16 HARMFUL. CONSUMERS REALLY DO SEEM TO PREFER, 69 PERCENT OF  
17 THEM, ALMOST 70 PERCENT OF THEM WOULD PREFER A DROP-OFF BIN  
18 LOCATED IN A PHARMACY. IT SEEMS VERY INTUITIVE TO THEM. OKAY.  
19 NOW WE GO TO SLIDE 10, IS IT? OKAY. THERE HAVE BEEN A STRING  
20 OF DEVELOPMENTS IN OUR COUNTRY OVER THE LAST FIVE TO SIX YEARS  
21 DEALING FIRST WITH ACTION BY THE U.S. CONGRESS IN 2010. IT WAS  
22 THE SECURE AND RESPONSIBLE DRUG DISPOSAL ACT. AND THAT ACT  
23 BASICALLY EXPANDED THE AVAILABLE OPTIONS TO COLLECT AND  
24 DISPOSE OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES IN A SECURE, CONVENIENT AND  
25 RESPONSIVE MANNER. THAT WAS FOLLOWED BY A REPORT IN THE STATE





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1 OF CALIFORNIA, CAL RECYCLE, TO THE LEGISLATURE, WHEREIN CAL  
2 RECYCLE REPORTED RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HOME-GENERATED  
3 PHARMACEUTICAL COLLECTION PROGRAMS IN CALIFORNIA. THAT WAS  
4 2010. IN 2012, ALAMEDA COUNTY ADOPTED A TAKE-BACK ORDINANCE.  
5 THIS WAS THE FIRST LOCAL ORDINANCE IN THE COUNTRY, AND THAT  
6 ORDINANCE REQUIRED PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES TO DESIGN FUND AND  
7 OPERATE A SAFE PHARMACEUTICAL DRUG COLLECTION AND MANAGEMENT  
8 PROGRAM. BETWEEN 2013 AND 2015, THERE WERE SEVERAL BILLS  
9 SUBMITTED IN THE LEGISLATURE, CONSIDERED IN THE LEGISLATURE,  
10 AND IT WAS REALLY BASED ON THE RECENT DIRECTION AT THAT TIME  
11 FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SIGNALING THAT THESE TYPES OF  
12 PROGRAMS MADE SENSE. BUT THERE'S ALWAYS BEEN STRONG OPPOSITION  
13 FROM THE DRUG AND SHARPS MANUFACTURERS, AND TO DATE THOSE  
14 BILLS FAILED TO PASS. AS A RESULT, IN ADDITION TO ALAMEDA, A  
15 NUMBER OF OTHER JURISDICTIONS HAVE SOUGHT SOLUTIONS AT THE  
16 LOCAL LEVEL. IN 2014, THE DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION  
17 PASSED REGULATIONS THAT ALLOWED FOR TAKE BACK PROGRAMS. AND IN  
18 2015, THE SUPREME COURT, WHO THE ALAMEDA ORDINANCE WAS  
19 EVENTUALLY BROUGHT TO THE SUPREME COURT, DECLINED TO HEAR THE  
20 ALAMEDA CASE. ON MAY 26, 2015, THE SUPREME COURT DECIDED IT  
21 WOULD NOT REVIEW THE CASE AND LEAVING THE CIRCUIT COURT'S  
22 DECISION IN PLACE. IN L.A. COUNTY WE'VE HAD A NUMBER OF  
23 DEVELOPMENTS, AS WELL. BUT FIRST LET ME JUST MENTION HERE THAT  
24 FEDERAL AGENCIES THAT ARE LISTED HERE, D.E.A., F.D.A., E.P.A.  
25 AND THE NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY OFFICE, THE NATIONAL DRUG



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1 CONTROL POLICY, THEY ALL REFERENCE IN THEIR MATERIALS THE  
2 BENEFITS OF TAKE-BACK PROGRAMS. THE COUNTY HAS DEVELOPED OVER  
3 THE YEARS, MAYBE OVER THE LAST DECADE, A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT  
4 WAYS OF DEALING WITH DRUGS AND SHARPS. AND I WON'T GO INTO  
5 DETAIL, BUT WE DO HAVE 21 SHERIFF'S STATIONS WHICH CONTINUE TO  
6 HOST DRUG AND SHARPS BINS. WE HAVE THE ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD  
7 HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION PROGRAMS THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF  
8 PUBLIC WORKS IMPLEMENTS. THERE'S ON THE ORDER OF 60 OF THESE  
9 EVERY YEAR AND THEY'RE LOCATED IN MULTIPLE DIRECTIONS SO THAT  
10 THERE'S RARELY A WEEK THAT YOU COULDN'T FIND ONE OF THESE  
11 EVENTS GOING ON SOMEWHERE IN THE COUNTY. THERE'S ALSO 77 SHARP  
12 COLLECTIONS LOCATIONS, AND DESPITE THESE EFFORTS THAT THE  
13 COUNTY HAS MADE AT COUNTY EXPENSE, IT STILL IS ONLY SCRATCHING  
14 THE SURFACE OF THE NEED THAT WE HAVE TO MEET FOR THE 10  
15 MILLION RESIDENTS WE HAVE IN THE COUNTY. THE EXTENDED PRODUCER  
16 RESPONSIBILITY, THERE WAS IN 2008 THE DEPARTMENT, THE BOARD  
17 ADOPTED A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING EXTENDED PRODUCER  
18 RESPONSIBILITY, WHICH AGAIN HOLDS MANUFACTURERS OF PRODUCTS  
19 RESPONSIBLE FOR THE END OF LIFE MANAGEMENT OF THOSE PRODUCTS.  
20 SEVERAL SIMILAR EFFORTS THAT PRE-DATED OUR CONSIDERATION OF  
21 PHARMACEUTICAL DRUGS WAS THE WAY IN WHICH PAINTS WERE HANDLED,  
22 MERCURY THERMOSTATS AND MATTRESSES. THOSE ARE ALL HANDLED BY  
23 SIMILAR TAKE-BACK PROGRAMS FUNDED AND ORGANIZED BY  
24 MANUFACTURERS OF THOSE PRODUCTS. OKAY. SO LET'S NOW MOVE TO  
25 SOMETHING A LITTLE MORE RECENTLY. IN 2014, THE BOARD ADOPTED A



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1 ROAD MAP TO ACHIEVE SUSTAINABLE WASTE MANAGEMENT FUTURE. THIS  
2 WAS PREPARED BY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS BUT IT REALLY  
3 REPRESENTED A WONDERFUL DEVELOPMENT IN THE COUNTY. AND  
4 REFERENCED PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP AND EXTENDED PRODUCER  
5 RESPONSIBILITY AS PRIORITY AREAS. AT THAT TIME THE BOARD  
6 ADOPTED AN INITIATIVE TO EXPLORE THE FEASIBILITY. THIS WAS THE  
7 FIRST TIME WE HAD LOOKED AT THE FEASIBILITY OF A COUNTY-  
8 EXTENDED PRODUCER ORDINANCE FOR MATERIALS SUCH AS  
9 PHARMACEUTICALS AND NEEDLES. LET'S MOVE ON TO THE NEXT SLIDE.  
10 LET'S GO TO 17. WITH REGARD TO THE CURRENT EFFORT, I THINK  
11 MANY OF YOU MAY REMEMBER THAT ABOUT A YEAR AGO, WE LAUNCHED  
12 INTO LOOKING FIRST AT THE FEASIBILITY OF A TAKE-BACK PROGRAM  
13 WITHIN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. AND AS WE REPORTED BACK TO  
14 THE BOARD A YEAR AGO, WE WERE THEN DIRECTED TO DRAFT AN  
15 ORDINANCE, A TAKE-BACK ORDINANCE FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE  
16 BOARD AND TO USE A VERY ROBUST STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PROCESS  
17 SO THAT WE DIDN'T LEAVE ANY STONE UNTURNED. SO NOW WE'RE ON  
18 STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT. THIS REALLY LISTS THE VARIOUS  
19 ORGANIZATIONS THAT WE ALIGNED OURSELVES OR SOLICITED INPUT  
20 FROM. SO WE HAD THE COUNTY WORKGROUP CONSISTING OF ALL THE  
21 AGENCIES THAT DR. GUNZENHAUSER HAD REFERENCED, AND THEN WE HAD  
22 THE STAKEHOLDER GROUP WHICH WAS COMPRISED OF ALL THE KEY  
23 STAKEHOLDERS THAT HAVE RESPONSIBILITY OR VALUE IN TERMS OF  
24 SEEKING INPUT. ADDITIONALLY WE HELD TWO PUBLIC MEETINGS IN  
25 ADDITION TO MEETING FOUR TIMES WITH THE STAKEHOLDER GROUP. AND



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1 IN ADDITION TO THOSE TWO PUBLIC MEETINGS, WE ALSO REACHED OUT  
2 TO A NUMBER OF CONTRACT CITIES AND OTHER JURISDICTIONS  
3 SOLICITING THEIR INPUT DURING THE CONSIDERATION OF THE  
4 ORDINANCE THAT WAS UNDER DEVELOPMENT. AND SLIDE 18? ALL RIGHT,  
5 SO THE COUNTY ORDINANCE THAT IS BEFORE THE BOARD REQUIRES  
6 MANUFACTURERS TO DEVELOP AND FINANCE THE PROGRAM. IT PROVIDES  
7 FLEXIBILITY IN THAT IT BASICALLY ESTABLISHES A CRITERIA FOR  
8 DETERMINING WHAT IS CONVENIENT, SAFE AND SUSTAINABLE  
9 COLLECTION PROGRAM, BUT IT'S ENTIRELY UP TO THE INDUSTRY. WE  
10 THOUGHT IT WAS IMPORTANT TO LEAVE THE OPTION FOR HOW THESE  
11 CRITERIA WOULD BE MET TO THE INDUSTRY. AND IT ALSO INCLUDES  
12 VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION BY PHARMACIES AND OTHER RETAILERS IF  
13 THEY WISH TO HOST DROP-OFF BINS. NOW, WE WERE DIRECTED BY THE  
14 BOARD ON MAY 17TH, WHICH WAS THE LAST TIME WE APPEARED BEFORE  
15 THE BOARD TO LOOK AT MORE IMMEDIATE OPTIONS. IF YOU CONSIDER  
16 THE ORDINANCE ITSELF, IF THE ORDINANCE IS ADOPTED, IT THEN  
17 TAKES ABOUT 12 MONTHS US TO RECEIVE A PLAN FROM THE  
18 STEWARDSHIP ORGANIZATIONS. AND THE BOARD WAS ASKING WHAT COULD  
19 WE DO IN THE WAY OF MORE IMMEDIATE OPTIONS THAT WOULD RESULT  
20 IN TAKE-BACK EVEN SOONER. SO WE MET A WEEK LATER WITH THE  
21 CALIFORNIA RETAILERS ASSOCIATION AND MEMBERS OF THE  
22 PHARMACEUTICAL AND SHARPS MANUFACTURING GROUPS AS WELL AS  
23 MEMBERS OF OUR COUNTY HEALTH AGENCY. AND WE CONSIDERED  
24 POTENTIAL OPTIONS. AND THE INDUSTRY SUBMITTED A REVISED  
25 PROPOSAL FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION IN LIEU OF THE ORDINANCE AS A



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1 PART OF THAT OUTREACH TO THE INDUSTRY. AND IT INCLUDED  
2 ADVERTISING THE EXISTING SHERIFF'S STATIONS. AGAIN, THIS WAS  
3 REALLY AT COUNTY COST IN UTILIZING COUNTY EXISTING  
4 INFRASTRUCTURE AND ALSO ADVERTISING THE D.E.A. COLLECTION  
5 EVENTS WHICH OCCUR PERIODICALLY. AND THEN AS A LAST RESORT,  
6 THE INDUSTRY WAS SAYING THE DISPOSAL OF DRUGS IN THE TRASH  
7 WOULD BE THEIR LAST RESORT. BASED ON THE FEEDBACK PROVIDED AND  
8 THE FURTHER ANALYSIS OF THE ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES OF  
9 VARIOUS APPROACHES, A REPORT WAS DEVELOPED AND SUBMITTED TO  
10 THE BOARD INCLUDED THREE OPTIONS. OPTION 1 WAS THE OPTION THAT  
11 WE WERE RECOMMENDING TO THE BOARD. IT WOULD AMEND THE  
12 ORDINANCE TO REQUIRE RESPONSIBLE STEWARDS LAUNCH A PUBLIC  
13 EDUCATION AND OUTREACH CAMPAIGN WITHIN 60 DAYS OF THE  
14 EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE ORDINANCE AND CONDUCT QUARTERLY TAKE-  
15 BACK EVENTS THAT WOULD OCCUR IN EACH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT  
16 UNTIL IMPLEMENTATION OF APPROVED STEWARDSHIP PLAN. SO THIS  
17 WOULD BE AN EARLY OPTION TO GET TAKE-BACK REALLY MOVING IN A  
18 MUCH MORE CONSISTENT WAY WHILE WE WAITED FOR THE STEWARDSHIP  
19 PLANS WHICH COULD TAKE ABOUT A YEAR TO IMPLEMENT. THERE WERE  
20 TWO OTHER OPTIONS WE CONSIDERED. I WON'T REALLY MENTION THEM.  
21 THEY WERE INCLUDED IN OUR REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD UNLESS  
22 THERE ARE QUESTIONS. SLIDE 20, IN THE EVENT THAT THE BOARD  
23 DOES ADOPT AN ORDINANCE, ANY TIME YOU BRING ONE OF THESE TAKE-  
24 BACK PROGRAMS IN, AS AN ORDINANCE WITHIN A LOCAL JURISDICTION,  
25 THERE ARE BENEFITS. THEY PROVIDE SAFE, CONVENIENT AND



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1 SUSTAINABLE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OPTIONS. THIS WAS THE GOAL  
2 IN DRAFTING THE CRITERIA, AND WE REALLY THINK WE WERE ABLE TO  
3 DRAFT AN ORDINANCE THAT WOULD ACHIEVE THESE. IT'S FREE TO ALL  
4 RESIDENTS. IT'S CONVENIENT. IT WOULD REDUCE DRUG MISUSE, ABUSE  
5 AND POISONINGS. IT WOULD REDUCE INJURIES AND DEATHS AND IT  
6 WOULD REDUCE THE IMPACT THAT THESE SUBSTANCES COULD HAVE ONLY  
7 THE ENVIRONMENT. WE'VE BEEN SUPPORTED IN OUR EFFORTS AGAIN AS  
8 PART OF OUR OUTREACH TO THE CITIES. WE'VE RECEIVED SUPPORT  
9 LETTERS FROM A NUMBER OF CITIES IN EACH OF OUR FIVE  
10 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS THAT ARE LISTED HERE. SO WE'VE GOT THE  
11 COUNTY WELL COVERED HERE IN TERMS OF CITY PARTICIPATION AND  
12 INTEREST IN THE ORDINANCE. AND WE'VE ALSO RECEIVED VERY BROAD-  
13 BASED SUPPORT FROM GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, INCLUDING THOSE THAT  
14 ARE LISTED UP THERE, LEAGUE OF CONSERVATION OF CITIES, E.P.A.,  
15 CAL RECYCLE AND SO ON, LABOR AND PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS  
16 THAT ARE LISTED, AS WELL, AND ENVIRONMENTAL AND ADVOCACY  
17 ORGANIZATIONS. YOU CAN SEE SOME KEY ONES THE BOARD HEARD FROM  
18 THAT WE'VE BEEN WORKING IN IN IN EARNEST ON THIS DEVELOPMENT.  
19 THEN THE HANDLERS OF SOLID WASTE AND THE WASTE WATER AGENCIES  
20 WHO ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE IMPACT PHARMACEUTICALS COULD HAVE  
21 ON WASTE WATER AND THE WASTE STREAM THAT THEY MANAGE. SO IN  
22 SUMMARY, THE ORDINANCE WOULD PROVIDE THE BOARD FROM THE  
23 OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE SAFE, CONVENIENT AND SUSTAINABLE  
24 OPTIONS FOR L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS. IT WOULD PROVIDE  
25 PROTECTIONS FOR THE ENVIRONMENT. AND IT WOULD PROTECT THE





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1 PUBLIC'S HEALTH AND HELP SAVE LIVES JUST BY TAKING THESE  
2 UNWANTED MEDICATIONS OUT OF THE AVAILABILITY THAT THEY  
3 CURRENTLY PROVIDE. AND WITH THAT, I THINK UNLESS DR.  
4 GUNZENHAUSER OR COBY SKYE FROM D.P.W. HAVE ANY CONCLUDING  
5 COMMENTS, WE TURN IT BACK TO YOU, CHAIRMAN, CHAIRPERSON.

6

7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS FROM BOARD  
8 MEMBERS ON THIS ITEM AT THIS TIME? BECAUSE WE HAVE SEVERAL  
9 WITNESSES. I JUST WANT TO THANK THE STAFF AND OUR COUNTY  
10 COUNSEL AND OTHERS THAT WERE WORKING SO HARD ON THIS. I FEEL  
11 LIKE THIS HAS JUST BEEN GOING ON FOR TOO LONG. I REMEMBER  
12 DISTINCTLY TALKING ABOUT IT AT A SANITATION DISTRICT MEETING,  
13 VERY ENTHUSIASTICALLY LETTING FOLKS KNOW WHERE THE COUNTY WAS  
14 HEADED. IT APPEARS OUR GEARS ARE SLOWING DOWN A BIT. NOT  
15 BECAUSE SOME OF US WANT TO BUT SUCH IS THE BUSINESS OF THE  
16 BOARD. I DO WANT TO SAY THAT THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE IN MY  
17 CITIES THAT HAVE APPROACHED ME. THEY ARE VERY ENTHUSIASTIC  
18 ABOUT THIS AND WANT TO BEGIN THE PROCESS OF AT LEAST STARTING  
19 SOMETHING AND THEN COMING BACK HOPEFULLY IN NOVEMBER WITH  
20 SOMETHING VERY STRONG. I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT BECAUSE I KNOW  
21 HOW HARD YOU ALL HAVE WORKED WITH OUR STAFF AND I KNOW WITH MY  
22 STAFF IN PARTICULAR.

23

24 **ANGELO BELLOMO:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR.

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1    **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SO IF THERE AREN'T ANY QUESTIONS IF  
2    FOLKS HERE, WE HAVE SEVERAL SPEAKERS ON THIS ITEM. THANK YOU,  
3    STAFF. WE HAVE PAUL KORETZ, THE CITY COUNCILMAN FROM LOS  
4    ANGELES. HE WILL BE AWARDED THREE MINUTES. SORRY FOR HAVING  
5    YOU WAIT SO LONG THROUGH ALL THESE-- PREROGATIVE OF THE BOARD.  
6    THANK YOU, COUNCILMAN.

7

8    **PAUL KORETZ:** HELLO, CHAIR SOLIS AND FELLOW SUPERVISORS. I  
9    THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK WITH YOU TODAY AND GOOD  
10    TO SEE OLD FRIENDS UP HERE. I PARTICULARLY WANT TO THANK  
11    SUPERVISORS ANTONOVICH AND SOLIS FOR BRINGING THIS HISTORIC  
12    AND IMPORTANT MOTION FORWARD TODAY. AND I'M HERE TO SUPPORT  
13    THE ORDINANCE. AND OPTION 1. THIS IS PERSONAL TO ME BECAUSE  
14    I'M A DIABETIC. AND AT VARIOUS POINTS IN MY LIFE I'VE HAD TO  
15    USE MULTIPLE SYRINGES AND NEEDLES EVERY DAY TO CHECK AND  
16    MAINTAIN MY BLOOD SUGAR LEVELS. AS AN ELECTED OFFICIAL, IT'S A  
17    BIT EMBARRASSING TO ADMIT PUBLICLY THAT FOR THE LONGEST TIME,  
18    I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH THOSE NEEDLES WHEN I WAS DONE. I  
19    NEVER REALLY FOCUSED HAD MUCH ON THE ISSUE. I DID KNOW, I  
20    OBVIOUSLY DIDN'T WANT TO POKE ANY OF OUR HARD WORKING  
21    SANITATION FOLKS WITH NEEDLES OR HAVE MEDICINES LEACHING INTO  
22    OUR LANDFILLS, SO I WOULD FILL CONTAINERS AND STORE THEM IN MY  
23    GARAGE. A LITTLE WHILE AGO I TRIPPED OVER THE U.C.L.A. PROGRAM  
24    THAT COLLECTS TOXIC WASTES INCLUDING SHARPS. AND THE NEXT TIME  
25    I HAD TO GIVE A SPEECH AT U.C.L.A., I BROUGHT A CARLOAD OF



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1 SHARPS THAT WERE COLLECTED OVER 15 YEARS AND DROPPED THEM OFF  
2 THERE. I CAN PROMISE YOU THE AVERAGE PERSON IS NO LESS  
3 CLUELESS THAN ME. THE DIFFERENCE IS THAT I BELIEVE MOST FLUSH  
4 THEIR MEDICINES DOWN THE TOILET, THROW THEIR SHARPS IN PLASTIC  
5 TRASH BAGS. AND, IN GENERAL APPROACH THIS ISSUE IN A DANGEROUS  
6 WAY. AND NOT BECAUSE THEY HAD MALICIOUS INTENT, JUST BECAUSE  
7 THEY WERE CONFUSED AS TO WHAT TO DO WITH THEIR LEFTOVER  
8 MEDICATIONS AND SHARPS. THE MORE I'VE LEARNED ABOUT THE  
9 PROBLEMS, THE MORE I REALIZED WE'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING.  
10 ESPECIALLY AS OUR DROUGHT GETS WORSE AND WE NEED TO DO  
11 EVERYTHING IN OUR POWER TO REUSE OUR SEWAGE WATER. AND ALSO TO  
12 KEEP IT-- KEEP MEDICINES OUT OF LANDFILLS WHERE THEY CAN  
13 DAMAGE OUR GROUND WATER. WHEN I HEARD ABOUT THIS MOTION, I WAS  
14 THRILLED. I KNOW THERE HAVE TO BE THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE OUT  
15 THERE JUST LIKE ME. THIS PROTECTS SENIOR CITIZENS AND CHILDREN  
16 AND DOGS AND CATS AND FIRST RESPONDERS AND NURSES, TEAMSTERS  
17 AND OTHER SANITATION WORKERS, SURFERS AND DRUG ABUSE  
18 PREVENTION GROUPS. BEST OF ALL IT WILL SUPPORT GOOD JOBS HERE  
19 AT L.A. COUNTY AT THE THERMAL CONVERSION FACILITY IN  
20 PARAMOUNT. IT'S A WIN/WIN. MY FELLOW CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS  
21 DAVID RYU AND JOSE HUIZAR JOINED ME IN INTRODUCING A  
22 RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT IN THIS EFFORT FROM THE CITY OF LOS  
23 ANGELES AND I'M HERE TO TELL YOU TOMORROW, AFTER YOU APPROVE  
24 THIS, THOSE SAME COUNCILMEMBERS WILL JOIN ME IN INTRODUCING A  
25 MOTION FOR THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES TO OPT IN TO YOUR PROGRAM.



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1 IT'S GROUNDBREAKING. IT'S HISTORIC. IT'S GOOD GOVERNMENT. IT  
2 MAKES GOOD FISCAL SENSE. AND I THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THIS  
3 MOTION TODAY. THANK YOU.

4

5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, COUNCILMAN.  
6 SORRY WE HAD TO DELAY YOUR TESTIMONY. WE HAVE MARY ALICE  
7 SEDILLO? STEVEN JOHNSON. JIM SMITH? CARLOS GUTIERREZ. JAIME  
8 GARCIA. DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL.

9

10 **SPEAKER:** I'M GOING TO GIVE YOU MY TIME TO ANOTHER HEAL THE BAY  
11 STAFF MEMBER.

12

13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD. STATE YOUR NAME FOR THE  
14 RECORD. PLEASE. MA'AM?

15

16 **MARY ALICE SEDILLO:** GOOD AFTERNOON, CHAIRPERSON HILDA SOLIS  
17 AND SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS MARY ALICE SEDILLO, AND I'M  
18 REPRESENTING THE CALIFORNIA ALLIANCE FOR RETIRED AMERICANS AND  
19 ALSO I BELONG TO THE GRAY PANTHERS, WHICH IS ANOTHER  
20 GRASSROOTS ORGANIZATION FOR SENIORS. AND WE ARE HERE TODAY,  
21 AND I WANT TO SAY THAT THAT WAS AN EXCELLENT REPORT. IT REALLY  
22 TELLS ALL OF THE FACTS, AND FITS THE ISSUES THAT WE'RE FACING  
23 WITH THE DRUG TAKE-BACK PROGRAM. THE MEDICATIONS THAT ARE  
24 FLUSHED DOWN THE TOILET AND END UP IN THE DRINKING WATER  
25 CANNOT BE EASILY REMOVED FROM TREATMENT FACILITIES. AND THERE



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1 ARE ADVERSE EFFECTS TO SEA LIFE AND THE AQUATIC ORGANISMS. THE  
2 HOME MEDICINE CABINETS REPRESENT A PRIME SOURCE OF THE  
3 PRESCRIPTION DRUGS THAT TAKE-- MAKE THEIR WAY INTO THE  
4 COMMUNITY. PRESCRIPTION DRUGS LEAD TO CRIME, ABUSE AND  
5 OVERDOSE. OUR SENIORS FIND IT DIFFICULT TO DISPOSE OF SHARPS  
6 PROPERLY OR TO PAY FOR EXPENSIVE MAIL-BACK PROGRAMS. INSTEAD,  
7 SHARPS ARE HOARDED, UNSAFELY, IN OLD MILK JUGS OR EVEN  
8 FLUSHED. WE NEED A SAFE WAY OF DISPOSING OF SHARPS. PHARMACIES  
9 ARE CONVENIENT LOCATIONS TO RETURN UNUSED MEDICATION. THERE IS  
10 A MINIMAL COST TO DRUG COMPANIES TO PAY FOR DRUG TAKE-BACKS. A  
11 THOUSAND DOLLARS OR LESS ANNUALLY FOR PHARMACIES IN CANADA.  
12 THE ORDINANCE HAS A CLEAR DEFINITION FOR RESPONSIBLE STEWARDS  
13 THAT FOCUSES RESPONSIBILITY ON THE MANUFACTURER OF THE  
14 MEDICINE OR SHARP, AND ALSO CLEARLY DEFINES WHO THE COUNTY CAN  
15 HOLD RESPONSIBLE AS A STEWARD IF THE MANUFACTURER CANNOT BE  
16 DEFINED. THIS IS A WIN/WIN SITUATION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND  
17 ESPECIALLY FOR OUR SENIORS. SO WE ASK THAT YOU SUPPORT THIS  
18 ISSUE. THANK YOU FOR THE PLEASURE OF YOUR TIME.

19

20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER?

21

22 **CARLOS GUTIERREZ:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. MY NAME IS CARLOS  
23 GUTIERREZ. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, I REPRESENT AN ORGANIZATION  
24 CALLED THE CONSUMER HEALTHCARE PRODUCTS ASSOCIATION. WE  
25 REPRESENT THE MEDICINE MANUFACTURERS. OUR COMPANIES ARE



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1 COMPRISED OF ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE VERY LARGE ALL THE WAY TO  
2 MUCH SMALLER COMPANIES THAT EMPLOY 100, 200 PEOPLE, MANY IN  
3 LOS ANGELES ITSELF. WE AS AN INDUSTRY AGREE THAT DISPOSAL AS  
4 AN ISSUE IS IMPORTANT. WE AGREE THAT GETTING UNUSED, EXPIRED  
5 OR UNWANTED MEDICATIONS OUT OF MEDICINE CABINETS IS AN  
6 IMPORTANT EFFORT. I THINK WE JUST DISAGREE ON HOW TO GO ABOUT  
7 RESOLVING THAT ISSUE. I WANT TO THANK ALL OF YOU AND YOUR  
8 STAFF MEMBERS AND THE STAFF OF THE COUNTY FOR DELIBERATING  
9 THIS ISSUE FOR SOMETIME NOW. OVER THE COURSE OF THE LAST FEW  
10 MONTHS. AND I THINK A LOT WAS PUT ON THE TABLE, A LOT OF GOOD  
11 IDEAS, A LOT OF DIFFERING IDEAS. I CAN TELL YOU THAT AS A  
12 INDUSTRY WE FEEL WE HAVE A ROLE IN RESOLVING THIS ISSUE. WE  
13 WANT TO PLAY A ROLE. WE WANT TO BE PART OF THE SOLUTION. AND  
14 WE HAVE PUT FORWARD WHAT I THINK IS AN UNPRECEDENTED EFFORT IN  
15 THIS REGARD AND THAT IS TO IN PARTNERSHIP NOT ONLY WITH US AS  
16 AN INDUSTRY, BUT ALSO WITH THE RETAIL COMMUNITY, THE GROCERS,  
17 PHARMACISTS AND REALLY DOING A ROBUST EDUCATION AND AWARENESS  
18 CAMPAIGN, NUMBER ONE TO CREATE AWARENESS, TO PROVIDE  
19 KNOWLEDGE, HOPEFULLY CHANGE ATTITUDE, AND AT THE END OF THE  
20 DAY CHANGE BEHAVIOR. AND WE'RE CONFIDENT WE CAN DO THAT. WE'VE  
21 DONE THAT ON A NUMBER OF OTHER ABUSE ISSUES, IF YOU WILL. AND  
22 WOULD WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO THAT HERE WITH THIS  
23 COUNTY. WE DO THINK THE PROPOSAL OF A FORMALIZED DRUG TAKE-  
24 BACK ORDINANCE IS EXPENSIVE, IT'S INEFFECTIVE, REALLY





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1 INEFFICIENT. AND AS ALAMEDA COUNTY HAS SHOWN, IT JUST DOESN'T  
2 WORK.

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4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER? MISS GARCIA.

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6 **JAIME GARCIA:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE  
7 BOARD, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS JAIME GARCIA WITH THE HOSPITAL  
8 ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WHICH REPRESENTS OVER 85  
9 HOSPITALS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY  
10 TO PROVIDE COMMENT TO YOU THIS AFTERNOON ON THIS DRUG TAKE-  
11 BACK PROGRAM. BUT I ALSO NEED TO RECOGNIZE THE PUBLIC WORKS  
12 AND PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF THAT INVESTED TIME AND ENERGY IN  
13 DEVELOPING THE STAKEHOLDER PROCESS THAT PROVIDED AN  
14 OPPORTUNITY FOR INTERESTED PARTIES TO PROVIDE COMMENT AND  
15 QUESTIONS THAT WOULD BE ADDRESSED. THAT BRINGS US HERE TODAY  
16 AS PART OF THIS DEBATE HERE. WE BELIEVE THAT THIS ORDINANCE  
17 OFFERS CONSUMERS BOTH A SAFE AND CONVENIENT METHOD TO DISPOSE  
18 OF THEIR SHARPS AND UNWANTED DRUGS. THIS OPTION ADDRESSES THE  
19 MISSING LINK IN THE COMMUNITY AS WE COLLECTIVELY SEEK TO  
20 ADDRESS THE RISING OPIATE ABUSE WITHIN THE SAFE MED L.A.  
21 COALITION. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. AND THE HOSPITAL  
22 ASSOCIATION REALLY ENCOURAGES YOU TO APPROVE TODAY'S MOTION AS  
23 WE WORK WITH PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC WORKS AND ALL THE OTHER  
24 ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS TO REALLY ADDRESS THIS ISSUE THAT BRINGS



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1 US HERE TODAY IN TERMS OF THE CONCERNS THAT HAVE BEEN  
2 HIGHLIGHTED IN THE EARLIER PRESENTATION. THANK YOU.

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4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

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6 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,  
7 DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. WELL I'M GLAD TO SEE THAT ORDINANCE  
8 BECAUSE RIGHT NOW THE COUNTY PAYS AND WE HAVE FEW PLACES THAT  
9 YOU CAN DISPOSE SHARPS. BUT THE PEOPLE WHO ARE STAFFING THOSE  
10 PLACES ARE NOT VERY NICE PEOPLE. AND DEPENDING HOW THEY FEEL  
11 THAT DAY, WHO ARE THEY GOING TO GIVE YOU AN EMPTY SHARP  
12 CONTAINER OR NOT? SO I THINK THAT'S THE FIRST THING WE SHOULD  
13 BE LOOKING AT BECAUSE I AM ALSO A DIABETIC AND I USE ABOUT 7  
14 SYRINGES A DAY. SO I AM CONCERNED WHERE YOU DROP IT. THE SAME  
15 WITH UNUSED MED. BUT IF I HEAR ONE MORE TIME ABOUT DRUG ABUSE  
16 AND OPIATES, I'M GETTING VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THAT BECAUSE  
17 EVERYBODY'S TALKING ABOUT IT. AND ACTUALLY THE STATE OF  
18 CALIFORNIA IS A STATE THAT HAS THE LEAST OPIATES IN THE ENTIRE  
19 UNITED STATES BUT WE ARE THE ONES WHO ARE LOOKING AT IT THE  
20 MOST. THOSE HAVE TO LOOK AT IT BUT WE ALSO HAVE TO LOOK AT THE  
21 PEOPLE WHO ARE IN PAIN AND NEED THE MEDICATION TO SURVIVE AND  
22 HAVE A DECENT LIFE. I DON'T KNOW WHO PROVIDES THE SHARP  
23 CONTAINERS IN LAS VEGAS, BUT EVERY BATHROOM IN LAS VEGAS HAVE  
24 A SHARP CONTAINER BOX. EVERYWHERE YOU GO IN THE CASINOS. SO I  
25 THINK IN LAS VEGAS CAN DO THAT, MAYBE WE CAN HAVE A FEW PLACES



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1 WHERE WE CAN HAVE, YOU KNOW, I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S A  
2 PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANY DOING IT OR NOT. BUT I THINK SOME OF  
3 THE DRUG COMPANIES AND THE PHARMACIES SHOULD ALSO TAKE-BACK  
4 THE DRUGS THAT WERE NOT USED. I THINK THAT PART OF THEIR  
5 MARKETING. SHOULD BE PART OF THE MARKETING PLAN. THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE HAVE LESLIE GRIFFIN.

8

9 **LESLIE GRIFFIN:** GREETINGS, SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR  
10 THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK BEFORE YOU TODAY. MY NAME IS LESLIE  
11 GRIFFIN. I'M THE BEACH WATER QUALITY SCIENTIST FOR HEAL THE  
12 BAY. AS WE HAVE HEARD, CALIFORNIA STATE LAW MAKES IT ILLEGAL  
13 TO THROW HOME-GENERATED SHARPS INTO GARBAGE OR RECYCLING  
14 CONTAINERS. HOWEVER, IN L.A. COUNTY, THERE ARE CURRENTLY ONLY  
15 A FEW DESIGNATED LOCATIONS WHERE SAFE SYRINGE DISPOSAL IS  
16 AVAILABLE, AND IT SIMPLY IS NOT ENOUGH. THESE SHARPS MAKE  
17 THEIR WAY TO OUR SHORES FROM OUR STREETS. BACK ON FRIDAY MARCH  
18 11, I PERSONALLY COLLECTED 6 SHARPS ON THE HALF MILE OF BEACH  
19 BETWEEN THE MOUTH OF BALLONA CREEK AND THE CULVER BOULEVARD  
20 STORM DRAIN. THE FOLLOWING MORNING, AFTER A STORM EVENT, I  
21 WALKED THE SAME STRETCH OF BEACH TO FIND 11 NEW SYRINGES. I  
22 HAVE PHOTOS OF SOME OF THESE HERE WITH ME TODAY WHICH I'LL  
23 PROVIDE YOU. LAST FALL, WE ALSO SAW THESE ITEMS WASH ASHORE  
24 FROM A WASTE WATER TREATMENT SEWAGE SPILL TO OUR BAY THAT I'M  
25 SURE YOU HEARD ABOUT. SHARPS ARE BEING DISPOSED OF IN OUR



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1 SEWERS AND STORM DRAINS AND TRASH CANS, RISKING THE PUBLIC  
2 HEALTH OF BEACH GOING POPULATION AND OUR SANITATION WORKERS.  
3 IF THIS ORDINANCE KEEPS EVEN A FRACTION OF THOSE USED SYRINGES  
4 OUT OF OUR STORM DRAINS AND SEWERS, HEAL THE BAY SEES THE  
5 ORDINANCE AS A MORE THAN WORTHWHILE EFFORT. TOGETHER WE HAVE  
6 SIGNATURES FROM ABOUT 1,300 OF YOUR CONSTITUENTS THAT SUPPORT  
7 THIS ORDINANCE AND WANT TO SEE IT PASS. I HAVE THOSE WITH ME,  
8 AS WELL TODAY. THIS ORDINANCE WAS CREATED FROM A THOROUGH AND  
9 DIVERSE PRODUCT DIVERSE STAKEHOLDERS. IT IS READY AS IS WITH  
10 NO NEED FOR FURTHER DELAY. L.A. HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TODAY TO  
11 BE A TRAILBLAZER IN REGARDS TO THIS FORM OF EXTENDED PRODUCER  
12 RESPONSIBILITY. HEAL THE BAY ONLY SEES BENEFITS FOR OUR COUNTY  
13 AND ENCOURAGES ALL SUPERVISORS TO ASSIST THEIR CONSTITUENTS BY  
14 GIVING THEM A SAFE AND CONVENIENT WAY TO DISPOSE OF THEIR  
15 UNSAFE PHARMACEUTICALS AND SHARPS. THANK YOU AGAIN VERY MUCH  
16 FOR YOUR TIME.

17

18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE HAVE JIM SMITH. MELISSA  
19 WATKINS. JIMMY JACKSON. LESLIE GRIFFIN. THAT WAS LESLIE. THANK  
20 YOU. AND RACHAEL HORNING. GO AHEAD, MA'AM, STATE YOUR NAME.

21

22 **MARISSA WATKINS:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR, MARISSA WATKINS. I  
23 WORK FOR THE PHARMACEUTICAL RESEARCH AND MANUFACTURERS OF  
24 AMERICA. THE ASSOCIATION THAT REPRESENTS THE NATION'S  
25 INNOVATIVE BIOPHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES. FIRST I WOULD LIKE TO



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1    THANK THE SUPERVISORS AND THEIR STAFF, DEPARTMENT STAFF AND  
2    ALL THE STAKEHOLDERS WHO HAVE WORKED ON THIS IMPORTANT ISSUE  
3    OVER THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS. WE'VE APPRECIATED THE  
4    OPPORTUNITY TO ENGAGE WITH THE COUNTY ON THESE IMPORTANT  
5    ISSUES PHARMA HAS OFFERED CONCRETE SOLUTIONS TO THE COUNTY'S  
6    CONCERNS ABOUT HOW RESIDENTS SHOULD DEAL WITH UNUSED AND  
7    UNWANTED MEDICINES AND SHARPS. KNOWING THAT WE PLAY A ROLE, WE  
8    HAVE PUT FORWARD A COMPREHENSIVE PUBLIC EDUCATION PROGRAM THAT  
9    CAN DELIVER REAL RESULTS, UNLIKE THE DRAFT ORDINANCE THAT WILL  
10   NOT WORK AS ENVISIONED. PHARMA OPPOSES THIS ORDINANCE WHICH  
11   SEEKS TO MANDATE PHARMACEUTICAL AND SHARPS MANUFACTURERS TO  
12   FUND AND ADMINISTER A NEW PROGRAM TO SPECIALLY COLLECT AND  
13   DISPOSE OF UNUSED PHARMACEUTICALS AND SHARPS PRODUCTS, BASED  
14   OFF OF THE UNSUCCESSFUL ALAMEDA PROGRAM. INSTEAD OF  
15   IMPLEMENTING AN UNSUCCESSFUL PROGRAM, PHARMA ENCOURAGES THE  
16   BOARD TO SUPPORT THE INDUSTRY'S EDUCATION CAMPAIGN WHICH CAN  
17   BE UP AND RUNNING IN A MATTER OF WEEKS AND CAN REACH THE  
18   ENTIRE COUNTY. FOR THESE REASONS WE RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THE  
19   BOARD OPPOSE THE ORDINANCE AND INSTEAD FORM A TRUE PUBLIC  
20   PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP WITH THE INDUSTRY AND MOVE FORWARD WITH  
21   OUR PROPOSED REASONABLE MEASURE OF PUBLIC EDUCATION THAT CAN  
22   ACHIEVE THE RESULTS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

23  
24   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?



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1   **JIMMY JACKSON:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS JIMMY JACKSON. I'M  
2   THE SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT OF PUBLIC POLICY FOR BIOCOM. BIOCOM  
3   IS A LIFE SCIENCES TRADE ASSOCIATION REPRESENTING OVER 750  
4   COMPANIES ACROSS SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WITH PERMANENT OFFICES IN  
5   SAN DIEGO, WASHINGTON, D.C., AND AS OF TWO MONTHS AGO, LOS  
6   ANGELES. IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT BIOCOM-- ALTHOUGH BIOCOM  
7   REGISTERED A FORMAL LETTER OF OPPOSITION TO THE ORIGINAL  
8   PROPOSAL. WE HAVE NOT BEEN PART OF THE LOBBYING EFFORTS ON  
9   THIS ORDINANCE UNTIL NOW. AS YOU ARE PROBABLY AWARE, BIOCOM IS  
10   A PARTNER WITH THE COUNTY, THE L.A.E.D.C. AND MANY OTHER  
11   STAKEHOLDERS TO TRY AND BUILD AND COORDINATE THE BIOSCIENCE  
12   HUBS WITHIN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, SO THAT THE COUNTY CAN BETTER  
13   REALIZE THE ECONOMIC BENEFIT OF THE INDUSTRY AND THE JOBS IT  
14   CREATES. I CAN THINK OF NO GREATER THREAT TO THAT EFFORT THAN  
15   THE PASSAGE OF A FLAWED ORDINANCE WHICH EFFECTIVELY SENDS A  
16   MESSAGE THAT THE INDUSTRY IS NOT WELCOME IN THIS COUNTY. THE  
17   BURDEN OF THIS PROPOSAL AND OTHERS LIKE IT DISPROPORTIONATELY  
18   AND ADVERSELY AFFECT THE VERY SMALL COMPANIES THE COUNTY IS  
19   TRYING TO ENCOURAGE, COMPANIES THAT OVERWHELMINGLY MAKE UP THE  
20   MAJORITY OF BIOCOM'S MEMBERSHIP. BIOCOM URGES THE BOARD TO  
21   REJECT THE ORDINANCE AND INSTEAD WORK WITH THE INDUSTRY ON  
22   EDUCATION ALTERNATIVES THAT CAN BE UP AND RUNNING VERY  
23   QUICKLY. THANK YOU.  
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1   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE HAVE MORE SPEAKERS. JIM  
2   SMITH. RACHEL HORNING. CARRIE HARTGEN. CRAIG CADWALLADER ALEX  
3   DAVIS. AND DAVID PEDERSEN. GO AHEAD, SIR.

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5   **CRAIG CADWALLADER:** GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE SUPERVISORS. EXCUSE  
6   ME. MY NAME IS CRAIG CADWALLADER, AND I'M SPEAKING ON BEHALF  
7   OF THE SURF RIDER FOUNDATION SOUTH BAY CHAPTER AND THE  
8   THOUSANDS OF OUR MEMBERS AND SUPPORTERS FROM OUR CHAPTERS'  
9   TERRITORY WHICH EXTENDS FROM BALLONA CREEK TO SAN PEDRO AND AS  
10   FAR INLAND AS MONTEBELLO. I'VE BEEN A RESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES  
11   COUNTY FOR NEARLY FOUR DECADES AND HIGHLY VALUE A CLEAN, SAFE  
12   AND HEALTHY SANTA MONICA BAY AND LOS ANGELES COUNTY BEACHES. I  
13   SUPPORT THIS ORDINANCE. WE NEED A PHARMACEUTICAL, A SHARPS  
14   ORDINANCE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO PUT THE RESPONSIBILITY OF  
15   PROVIDING MEANS OF SAFE DISPOSAL ON THE PRODUCERS OF THESE  
16   PRODUCTS. AS SURFERS, BEACH GOERS, SWIMMERS AND COUNTY  
17   RESIDENTS WHO LIKE RUNNING ON THE BEACH OR SWIMMING IN THE  
18   OCEAN, OUR MEMBERS AND SUPPORTERS FEEL IT'S IMPORTANT THAT THE  
19   OCEAN WE SWIM THIS IS CLEAN AND THAT HYPODERMIC NEEDLES DON'T  
20   END UP ON THE BEACH. I SUPPORT THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE AND ITS  
21   REQUIREMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP PLAN DEVELOPMENT. WITHOUT  
22   APPROPRIATE COLLECTION OPTIONS, CONSUMERS ARE MORE LIKELY TO  
23   FLUSH PHARMACEUTICALS DOWN THE DRAIN. CURRENTLY WASTE WATER  
24   TREATMENT PLANTS ARE UNABLE TO FILTER OUT ALL PHARMACEUTICALS  
25   MEANING CHEMICALS FROM THESE DRUGS ARE ENDING UP IN OUR



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1 WATERWAYS AND THE OCEAN. WE ALSO NEED PRODUCERS TO UNDERTAKE  
2 STEWARDSHIP PLANS FOR THE SAFE DISPOSAL AND COLLECTION OF  
3 HYPODERMIC NEEDLES. WITHOUT PROPER DISPOSAL, MECHANISMS  
4 AVAILABLE, SHARPS END UP BEING THROWN IN THE TRASH OR DOWN THE  
5 TOILET, LEADING TO INJURIES AND BEACH CLOSURES LIKE THE ONE  
6 LAST FALL FROM THE HYPERION TREATMENT PLANT. I URGE YOU TO  
7 INTRODUCE THE ORDINANCE TODAY AND PASS IT AT THE NEXT MEETING.  
8 WE CAN'T AFFORD ANY MORE DELAYS AND IT'S TIME TO PROTECT L.A.  
9 COUNTY BEACHES AND WATERWAYS FOR ALL. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR. NEXT WITNESS?

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13 **CARRIE HARTGEN:** THANK YOU, CHAIR SOLIS AND SUPERVISORS. MY  
14 NAME IS CARRIE HARTGEN. I AM WITH ADVAMED, WHICH IS THE  
15 ADVANCED MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY ASSOCIATION. WE'RE A NATIONAL  
16 TRADE ASSOCIATION REPRESENTING MANUFACTURERS OF MEDICAL DEVICE  
17 AND DIAGNOSTICS INCLUDING MANUFACTURERS OF SHARPS. WE  
18 APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK AND ENGAGE WITH YOU ON THIS  
19 IMPORTANT ISSUE. HOWEVER, WE DO OPPOSE THE ORDINANCE AND  
20 OPTION 1 RECOMMENDATION CURRENTLY BEFORE THE BOARD. WE DON'T  
21 BELIEVE IN ALAMEDA COUNTY STYLE APPROACH IS THE MOST PRUDENT  
22 ONE. INSTEAD, AS YOU HEARD EARLIER TODAY, WE ARE PART OF A  
23 BROADER INDUSTRY COALITION OFFERING UP A COMPREHENSIVE  
24 EDUCATION PLAN THAT WE THINK WILL DELIVER REAL RESULTS IN  
25 HELPING RESIDENTS DEAL WITH THEIR USED SHARPS. WE RESPECTFULLY



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1 URGE THE COUNTIES TO REJECT THE ORDINANCE AND INSTEAD PURSUE  
2 AN APPROACH THAT WOULD RESULT IN A TRUE PUBLIC/PRIVATE  
3 PARTNERSHIP AND YIELD REAL RESULTS IN A MORE COST-EFFECTIVE  
4 MANNER. THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WITNESS, PLEASE.

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8 **ALEX DAVIS:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAME CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE  
9 BOARD. MY NAME IS ALEX DAVIS. I'M THE LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS  
10 MANAGER AT V.I.C.A., AND COLLECTIVELY, WE REPRESENT OVER 400  
11 LOCAL BUSINESSES AND NONPROFITS THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY.  
12 AND OVER THE LAST YEAR V.I.C.A. HAS PROVIDED COMMENTS AND  
13 SHARED OUR THOUGHTS SUPPORTING THE EDUCATIONAL ALTERNATIVE TO  
14 AN E.P.R. ORDINANCE. WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE ORIGINAL INTENT OF THE  
15 MOTION AND THE SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY SAFETY AND ECONOMIC  
16 DEVELOPMENT. BELIEVE THAT THE ALTERNATIVE IS THE BEST WAY TO  
17 PROVIDE A SAFE, VIABLE AND MEANINGFUL OPTION FOR THE COUNTY.  
18 CLOSING THE INFORMATION GAP WILL PROVIDE A GREAT OUTREACH  
19 PROGRAM TO THE BENEFIT OF ALL RESIDENTS. THANK YOU.

20

21 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WITNESS?

22

23 **DAVID PEDERSEN:** THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAME CHAIR,  
24 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, MY NAME IS DAVID PEDERSEN. I'M THE  
25 GENERAL MANAGER OF LAS VIRGENES VENUS MINICIPAL WATER



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1 DISTRICT, ALSO REPRESENTING THE CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF  
2 SANITATION AGENCIES. I'M HERE TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF THE  
3 ORDINANCE. THE ORDINANCE WILL ESTABLISH A CONVENIENT MEANS FOR  
4 COUNTY RESIDENTS TO DISPOSE OF UNUSED AND UNWANTED  
5 PHARMACEUTICALS AND SHARPS AND IMPORTANTLY, PREVENT THEIR  
6 IMPROPER DISPOSAL, SUCH AS FLUSHING DOWN THE DRAIN OR PUTTING  
7 DOWN THE DRAIN. AS AN OWNER, OPERATOR OF A WASTE WATER  
8 TREATMENT PLANT THAT TREATS THE SEWAGE FROM A PORTION OF THE  
9 COUNTY, I COULD TELL YOU THAT THE IMPROPER DISPOSAL OF SHARPS  
10 AND PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS IS A REAL PROBLEM THAT NEEDS TO BE  
11 ADDRESSED. WE SEE PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOUNDS IN THE WATER  
12 ENTERING OUR PLANT. AND THE PLANT, AS MOST IN THE CALIFORNIA,  
13 ARE NOT EQUIPPED PROPERLY TO REMOVE THESE COMPOUNDS. THIS  
14 MEANS THAT THE COMPOUNDS PASS THROUGH THE TREATMENT PLANT AND  
15 ON TO RECEIVING WATERS THAT WE'RE TRYING DESPERATELY TO  
16 PROTECT. IT'S WIDELY RECOGNIZE THAT SOURCE CONTROL IS THE BEST  
17 MEANS TO KEEP THESE POLLUTANTS AND OTHERS LIKE IT FROM  
18 ENTERING OUR ENVIRONMENT. AND THIS ORDINANCE WOULD ESTABLISH A  
19 VALUABLE SOURCE CONTROL PROGRAM. THE ORDINANCE AND THE PROCESS  
20 WAS PUT TOGETHER BY A COUNTY TEAM THAT DID AN EXCELLENT JOB.  
21 IT WAS AN OPEN PROCESS. STAKEHOLDERS WERE INVITED TO PROVIDE  
22 THEIR INPUT AND THEIR INPUT WAS INCORPORATED ALONG THE WAY. I  
23 ASK THAT YOU SUPPORT THE INTRODUCTION OF THE ORDINANCE AND  
24 SUPPORT ITS ADOPTION. THANK YOU.

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1   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. LIKE TO CALL ON AGAIN JIM  
2   SMITH. RACHEL HORNING. CATHY PATTERSON. ESTHER PAGULAYAN.  
3   SUSAN MEYER. VISHNU SUBRAMANIAM HEIDI SANBORN. PLEASE REMEMBER  
4   TO STATE YOUR NAME BEFORE YOU START.

5

6   **SUSAN MEYER:** HELLO, MY NAME IS SUSAN MEYER. CHAIR SOLIS AND  
7   SUPERVISORS, I'M HERE TO SAY THAT I AM IN SUPPORT OF THE  
8   ORDINANCE IN OPTION 1. I'M A DIABETIC. IN THE BEGINNING,  
9   ACTUALLY FOR YEARS LIKE THE GOOD COUNCILMAN SAID, I DIDN'T  
10   KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH THE SHARPS, AND I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO  
11   WITH THE NEEDLES WHEN I TESTED MY BLOOD, SO I STARTED HOARDING  
12   THEM AND STARTED TO STICK EVERYTHING INTO WATER BOTTLES. AND I  
13   JUST DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH IT. AND THEN SO I DO BELIEVE  
14   IN THIS ORDINANCE AND EVEN AT FOUR TIMES A YEAR, QUARTERLY, IS  
15   REALLY NOT QUITE ENOUGH BUT IT'S A GREAT START. I'D ALSO VERY  
16   MUCH IN SUPPORT OF THIS ORDINANCE AND OPTION 1 FOR THE  
17   PHARMACEUTICALS, THE MEDICATIONS AND WHAT TO DO WITH THE  
18   MEDICATIONS. I THINK EVERYBODY HAS EXTRA MEDICATIONS STORED IN  
19   THEIR MEDICINE CABINETS. I'M SURE JUST ABOUT EVERYONE IN THIS  
20   ROOM HAS MEDICATIONS IN THEIR CABINETS THAT THEY DON'T USE  
21   ANYMORE. I KNOW WHEN I HAD A DENTAL SURGERY, I WAS GIVEN A  
22   PRESCRIPTION FOR PAIN MEDICATION. ALL I NEEDED THE PAIN  
23   MEDICATION FOR WAS FOR ONE OR TWO DAYS AFTER THE SURGERY. AND  
24   AFTER THAT, WELL I HAD A WHOLE BOTTLE OF PAIN MEDICATION SO I  
25   PUT IT UP WITH THE OTHER ONES THAT I HAD. AND I THINK THEY'RE



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1 STILL SITTING THERE. I DON'T REALLY KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH THEM.  
2 SO I THINK THIS ORDINANCE IS VERY IMPORTANT. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

5

6 **HEIDI SANBORN:** MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS. I'M HEIDI SANBORN WITH  
7 THE NATIONAL STEWARDSHIP ACTION COUNCIL. IT WAS A GREAT STAFF  
8 REPORT AND YOU SAW THE LONG LIST OF SUPPORT FOR THIS  
9 ORDINANCE. IT'S BASICALLY THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY. IT'S THE  
10 WORKERS, IT'S YOUR STAFF, IT'S THE ENVIRONMENTALISTS, IT'S THE  
11 NURSES. THERE'S SO MANY PEOPLE. BUT THERE'S REALLY ONLY ONE  
12 GROUP THAT REALLY DOESN'T LIKE IT AND THAT'S THE PEOPLE THAT  
13 ARE GOING TO HAVE TO PAY AND THAT'S PHARMA. SO WE ASK WHY  
14 THERE'S BEEN FIVE DELAYS? THIS VOTE SHOULD REALLY BE EASY IF  
15 THE CONCERN IS PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY. SO WE'RE  
16 HEARING THERE'S ANOTHER MOTION TO DELAY POSSIBLY, MAYBE MAKING  
17 THIS VOLUNTARY. BUT I WANT TO REMIND YOU THAT THE PHARMA  
18 INDUSTRY HAS A CREDIBILITY PROBLEM. THE L.A. TIMES REPORTED  
19 THAT C.H.P.A. HAS BEEN SCARING SENIORS AND CALLING THEM. THEY  
20 SENT LETTERS TO YOU. WE'VE GOTTEN COPIES OF THESE AS HAVE THE  
21 PAPERS. AND WE KNOW THAT THIS HAS ALREADY BEEN LITIGATED TO  
22 THE U.S. SUPREME COURT. THIS IS .3 CENTS TO 1 CENTS FOR EVERY  
23 \$10 SOLD. THEY SOLD \$8 BILLION ESTIMATED INTO THIS COUNTY IN A  
24 YEAR. THIS IS NOT A COST BURDEN ON THIS INDUSTRY. HOWEVER, IT  
25 IS ON THIS COUNTY. PUSHING A.B.45 IS ANOTHER TACTIC TO PRE-





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1 EMPT LOCAL ORDINANCES IN THE STATE WHEN WE CAN'T COME TO  
2 AGREEMENT AT THE STATE LEVEL. BUT GETTING TO AN AGREEMENT  
3 MEANS WE HAVE TO HAVE PARTIES THAT ARE WILLING TO GET TO YES.  
4 WE ARE WILLING TO GET TO YES. MR. GUTIERREZ MENTIONED--  
5 REFERENCED ALAMEDA COUNTY. ALAMEDA FLEW THEIR STAFF DOWN AT  
6 THE LAST HEARING TO MAKE SURE YOU KNEW THAT THEIR PROGRAM IS  
7 WORKING NOW, IN SPITE OF THE SABOTAGING THAT HAS BEEN GOING ON  
8 BY THE INDUSTRY. THEY ORDERED BINS, THINGS ARE NOW WORKING AND  
9 THEY'RE HAVING ONE DAY EVENTS. IN MEXICO THEY NOW HAVE 4400  
10 COLLECTION BINS IN PHARMACIES AND THEY COLLECTED 526 TONS OF  
11 MEDICINES IN A YEAR. ARE YOU TELLING ME THAT WE CANNOT DO THAT  
12 IN LOS ANGELES AND IN THIS STATE? VOLUNTARY DOES NOT WORK.  
13 THAT'S WHY WE'RE HERE. THE DEFINITION OF INSANITY IS DOING THE  
14 SAME THING OVER AND OVER AGAIN. I URGE YOU TO ADOPT THIS  
15 ORDINANCE. TRY SOMETHING NEW. TRY SOMETHING THAT'S PROVEN TO  
16 WORK. WE URGE YOU TO STAND UP FOR THE PEOPLE. THANK YOU.

17

18 **CATHY PATTERSON:** HELLO. MY NAME IS CATHY PATTERSON. THE DRUGS  
19 AND THINGS, PHARMACEUTICALS, I USUALLY PUT THEM IN A BAG OR  
20 SOMETHING UNLESS A CENTER OR SOMETHING HAS SOME KIND OF TAKE-  
21 BACK. BUT I DO BELIEVE THAT WE SHOULD PASS THIS ORDINANCE  
22 BECAUSE THESE DRUGS SEEM TO BE LIKE SOME KIND OF HAZARDOUS  
23 WASTE MATERIAL. AND THE PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES ARE NOT GOING  
24 TO MAKE THESE DRUGS MORE SAFE AFTER THEY'RE USED OR EVEN  
25 DURING THEIR USE, THEN THEY SHOULD TAKE THEIR RESPONSIBILITY



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1 WITHOUT BEING TOLD OR SOME KIND OF LEGAL ACTION, THAT THEY  
2 NEED TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR PRODUCTS. THEY GET  
3 BILLIONS OF DOLLARS FOR THESE TO MAKE THESE DRUGS, AND I THINK  
4 THE PUBLIC DESERVES TO HAVE A SAFER ENVIRONMENT OF WATER,  
5 SAFER ENVIRONMENT IN THE WAY THAT WE HAVE TO DEAL WITH THIS  
6 KIND OF THING. I DO BELIEVE THAT THERE SHOULD BE MORE DONE BY  
7 THE PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES AS WELL AS MAKING THE DRUGS MORE  
8 AFFORDABLE TO THE PEOPLE AND MAYBE HAVE ALTERNATIVE DRUGS THAT  
9 WOULDN'T BE SO HAZARDOUS. I DO THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND I  
10 APPRECIATE YOUR EFFORTS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

13

14 **VISHNU SUBRAMANIAM:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS VISHNU. I'M  
15 HERE WITH THE CALIFORNIA ALLIANCE FOR RETIRED AMERICANS. I'M  
16 THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ORGANIZER FOR C.A.R.A. WHICH IS MADE  
17 UP OF 950,000 RETIREES. WE'RE A GRASSROOTS GROUP IN SUPPORT OF  
18 THE DRUG TAKE-BACK ORDINANCE. I HAVE ONE MEMBER WHO IS NOT  
19 HERE TODAY WHO DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH HER SISTER'S  
20 MEDICINE UPON HER SISTER'S PASSING. BECAUSE OF HER WORK  
21 SCHEDULE AND THE DISTANCE SHE HAD TO DRIVE, IT TOOK HER  
22 SEVERAL WEEKS TO DROP OFF THE UNUSED MEDICATION. I HAVE  
23 ANOTHER MEMBER ALSO NOT HERE TODAY, WHOSE SON WAS ABLE TO GET  
24 INTO HER MEDICINE CABINET WHEN HE WAS VISITING ON A FAMILY  
25 VACATION. WHEN HE LEFT, SHE FOUND MANY OF HER PAINKILLER



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1 PRESCRIPTION BOTTLES EMPTIED. THIS WAS A SON WHO HAD A  
2 PREVIOUS DRUG ADDICTION. THERE ARE MANY STORIES LIKE THIS WITH  
3 SENIORS AND RETIREES. THEY NEED A SAFE, CONVENIENT LOCATION  
4 THAT'S CLOSE TO THEIR HOME, IDEALLY THE PHARMACIES WHERE THEY  
5 PURCHASE THEIR DRUGS, TO DISPOSE OF THE BOTTLES AND BOTTLES OF  
6 PRESCRIPTION DRUGS THAT ARE LYING AROUND THEIR HOME. YOU'VE  
7 HEARD A LOT FROM THE INDUSTRY WHO DOESN'T PROVIDE SOLUTIONS,  
8 INSISTS ON INEFFECTIVE SOLUTIONS, AND WOULD RATHER DO NOTHING  
9 THAN PASS THIS ORDINANCE TODAY. I'M ASKING YOU TO IGNORE THE  
10 INDUSTRY, IGNORE THEIR INFLUENCE, IGNORE THEIR FRIVOLOUS  
11 IDEAS, IGNORE THEIR BASELESS ARGUMENTS, THEIR PURPOSEFUL  
12 DELAYS, THEIR ALTERNATIVE MOTIONS, THEIR INEFFECTIVE SOLUTIONS  
13 AND ESSENTIALLY TRY TO DISTRACT ALL OF YOU FROM PASSING  
14 SOMETHING THAT WOULD HELP THE PUBLIC. WE'RE ASKING YOU TO  
15 IMPLEMENT OPTION 1 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WE ARE ASKING YOU TO  
16 PROVIDE A PLACE FOR SENIORS TO TAKE-BACK THEIR DRUGS, THEIR  
17 SHARPS, THEIR UNUSED MEDICATIONS AND ASK YOU TO IMPLEMENT  
18 SOMETHING TODAY. THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ESTHER PAGULAYAN. TISH  
21 OCHOA. SHARON NAKAMOTO. KREIGH HAMPEO. STATE YOUR NAME.

22

23 **KREIGH HAMPEO:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS KREIGH  
24 HAMPEO. I'M A BOARD MEMBER OF THE CALIFORNIA PRODUCT  
25 STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL AND I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR



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1 CONSIDERATIONS TODAY ON THIS ORDINANCE. I STRONGLY SUPPORT AN  
2 ORDINANCE THAT WILL DO A GREAT JOB HERE WITH EXTENDED PRODUCER  
3 RESPONSIBILITY. THE CALIFORNIA PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL  
4 REPRESENTS OVER 100 LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN CALIFORNIA WHO HAVE  
5 ADOPTED RESOLUTIONS TO SUPPORT EXTENDED PRODUCER  
6 RESPONSIBILITY. THAT'S ABOUT 63 PERCENT OF THE CALIFORNIA  
7 POPULATION. YOUR STAFF HAS DONE AN EXEMPLARY JOB OF REACHING  
8 OUT TO BOTH THE INDUSTRY AND TO RESIDENTS IN LOCAL GROUPS.  
9 THEY'VE INVITED INPUT AND COMMENTS. THEY'VE DONE A LOT OF  
10 REVISIONS. THEY'VE DISCUSS THIS HAD OPENLY. AND THEY'VE HAD A  
11 VERY COOPERATIVE APPROACH. AND I JUST WANT TO RECOGNIZE THEIR  
12 GREAT WORK. WITH DUE RESPECT TO THE INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES  
13 AND LOBBYISTS, THEY HAVE FOCUSED ON FAILURE. THEY HAVE  
14 DISTORTED FACTS. THEY'VE IGNORED THE SUCCESS OF EXISTING  
15 PROGRAMS NOT ONLY IN ALAMEDA COUNTY BUT AROUND THE WORLD.  
16 THEY'VE REFUSED TO PARTICIPATE. THEY'VE COME UP WITH OTHER  
17 UNWORKABLE PROGRAMS THAT ARE NOT GOING TO GET THE JOB DONE.  
18 YOUR EFFORTS CAN PROTECT YOUR COUNTY SANITATION AND RECYCLING  
19 WORKERS. THEY WILL HELP THE HOMEBOUND. THEY WILL HELP  
20 DIABETICS. YOU'VE HEARD HERE TODAY HOW DIFFICULT IT IS TO GET  
21 THE PROPER INFORMATION. THINK OF YOUR CUSTODIAL WORKERS EVEN  
22 YOUR PET OWNERS WHO HAVE TO USE THESE MATERIALS AND GET RID OF  
23 THEM. WE HAVE A LOT OF HOME HEALTHCARE WORKERS THAT COME TO US  
24 FOR HELP. THEY'RE IN THE INDUSTRY. SO I APPRECIATE A  
25 COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH THAT LOOKS AT SUCCESS. WE DON'T NEED A



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1 VOLUNTARY PROGRAM. WE NEED REAL WORKING MODELS. NOT ONLY  
2 EDUCATION, BUT WE NEED THINGS THAT WILL SUPPORT THE PUBLIC  
3 GOOD. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

4

5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

6

7 **ESTHER PAGULAYAN:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS MRS. PAGULAYAN. I  
8 AM A RETIRED NURSE. AND I HAVE TO TELL YOU WHEN I WAS IN  
9 TRAINING, WE DIDN'T HAVE ANY PROBLEM OF DISCARDING BECAUSE I  
10 WAS TRAINED THAT WE HAVE TO DO IT, THE STERILIZATION OF THE  
11 NEEDLES AND SYRINGES. BUT NOW THAT WE ARE IN A MODERN WAY  
12 BECAUSE OF THE TECHNOLOGIES, WE HAVE A LOT OF PROBLEMS. THAT  
13 WE, THE PUBLIC NEEDS TO BE EDUCATED TO BE INSTRUCTED BY  
14 EVERYBODY WHO ARE IN THE HEALING PROFESSION BECAUSE THE PUBLIC  
15 IS NOT FULLY AWARE OF THE DAMAGES, THE SICKNESS, THE DANGERS  
16 AND THE DEATHS OF SO MANY PEOPLE. SO I APPRECIATE TO LISTEN TO  
17 ALL OF YOU WHO ARE SPEAKERS AND WHO ARE ACCEPTED TO EVER  
18 IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT AND HELP THE PEOPLE. AND I THANK YOU  
19 VERY MUCH.

20

21 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MA'AM. NEXT  
22 SPEAKER?

23

24 **TISH OCHOA:** HI, MY NAME IS TISH OCHOA AND I'M A MEMBER OF THE  
25 CALIFORNIA ALLIANCE FOR RETIRED AMERICANS. MY MOM IS 80 YEARS



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1 OLD. SHE HAS 78 DESCENDANTS. SHE TAKES 10 MEDICATIONS. AND  
2 THEY LIKE TO VISIT HER. NOW, I DON'T KNOW WHAT PHARMA CAN  
3 TEACH HER THAT SHE DOESN'T KNOW ALREADY, BUT IF IT'S VERY  
4 SIMPLE, IF THEY COULD JUST PUT ON THE BOTTLE: RETURN ANY  
5 UNUSED TO WHERE YOU PURCHASED. VERY SIMPLE. WHY DO WE HAVE TO  
6 MAKE THIS HARDER THAN IT REALLY SHOULD BE? BUT I'M IN SUPPORT  
7 OF THE ORDINANCE. AND THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TIME TO SPEAK.

8

9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

10

11 **SHARON NAKAMOTO:** HI, GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS SHARON  
12 NAKAMOTO. I'M HERE WITH THE CALIFORNIA ALLIANCE FOR RETIRED  
13 AMERICANS. AND I WAS MORE FORTUNATE THAN ALL OF YOU. I GOT TO  
14 GO DOWN TO THE CAFETERIA FOR LUNCH. [LAUGHTER.] BUT I JUST  
15 WANT TO SAY THAT YOU'RE HEARING FROM A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE  
16 A WAY TO GET HERE. I WANT YOU TO BE AWARE OF PEOPLE THAT NEED  
17 TO USE ACCESS TO GO TO THEIR DOCTORS OR THEIR PHARMACY TO PICK  
18 UP THEIR PRESCRIPTIONS. THEY CAN'T JUST CALL ACCESS AND SAY  
19 "OH, YOU KNOW I JUST REMEMBERED THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS  
20 TAKING DRUGS TODAY, SO I NEED TO GO OVER THERE." BECAUSE A LOT  
21 OF TIMES ACCESS WILL TAKE YOU THERE, DROP YOU OFF AND THEN YOU  
22 HAVE TO WAIT AN HOUR OR SO TO GET PICKED UP AGAIN. SO I HAVE A  
23 FRIEND WHO USES ACCESS. SORRY. UNFORTUNATELY HER SON JUST  
24 PASSED AWAY THIS PAST YEAR. AND HER SON WAS ON DIFFERENT  
25 MEDICATIONS AND SHE, WITH ALL THE OTHER THINGS THAT SHE'S HAD





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1 TO DEAL WITH, SHE STILL HAS HIS MEDICATIONS AND IT WOULD BE SO  
2 MUCH EASIER FOR HER WHEN SHE GOES TO PICK UP HERS TO BE ABLE  
3 TO TAKE ALL OF HIS TO THE LOCAL PHARMACY TO DROP IT OFF. THANK  
4 YOU.

5

6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. APPRECIATE THAT.  
7 LORENZO RIOS. DONNA MEREDITH. SARA RADCLIFFE. BILL HICKMAN.  
8 SUSAN KLIMUSKO. GO AHEAD, SIR.

9

10 **BILL HICKMAN:** THANK YOU. HONORABLE SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS  
11 BILL HICKMAN. I'M WITH THE SURF RIDER FOUNDATION. I SUPPORT  
12 THIS ORDINANCE, SPECIFICALLY OPTION 1. WE NEED A  
13 PHARMACEUTICAL AND SHARPS ORDINANCE TO PUT THE RESPONSIBILITY  
14 OF PROVIDING MEANS OF SAFE DISPOSAL ON THE PRODUCER OF THESE  
15 PRODUCTS. EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY AND SOURCE  
16 REDUCTION SUCH AS THIS IS THE KEY TO ELIMINATING LITTER AND  
17 POLLUTION. AS A SURFER AND FATHER OF TWO DAUGHTERS, THIS IS  
18 IMPORTANT TO ME BECAUSE THE ORDINANCE CAN HELP KEEP THE OCEAN  
19 WE SWIM IN CLEAN AND THAT NEEDLES DON'T END UP ON THE BEACH.  
20 IN 2012, SOME SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SCIENTISTS CONCLUDED PEER  
21 REVIEWED RESEARCH THAT BOTTOM-DWELLING OCEAN FISH ARE HIGHLY  
22 EXPOSED TO HORMONE-DISRUPTING CHEMICALS IN THE NEAR WASTE  
23 WATER DISCHARGE SITES OFF LOS ANGELES AND ORANGE COUNTIES. WE  
24 SHOULD BE DOING ALL WE CAN TO KEEP THESE CHEMICALS OUT OF OUR  
25 OCEAN AND THIS ORDINANCE IS A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. A



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1 FEW PEOPLE MENTIONED EDUCATION AND AWARENESS. THEY DON'T HAVE  
2 THE SAME IMPACT ORDINANCE DOES. WE HAVE SEEN IT MANY TIMES ON  
3 OTHER ISSUES SUCH AS PLASTIC BAG LITTER. THE BOARD OF  
4 SUPERVISORS WAS A LEADER EARLY ON WITH A PLASTIC BAG ORDINANCE  
5 BECAUSE EDUCATION AND OUTREACH ON THE ISSUE WAS NOT EFFECTIVE.  
6 THE SITUATION HERE IS SIMILAR IN SOME REGARDS AND WE ASK YOU  
7 TO LISTEN TO THE WILL OF THE MAJORITY OF PEOPLE WHO SUPPORT  
8 THE ORDINANCE. I URGE YOU TO INTRODUCE THE ORDINANCE AND PASS  
9 IT SOON. PLEASE HELP PROTECT L.A. COUNTY'S BEACHES AND  
10 WATERWAY FOR ALL. THANKS FOR YOUR TIME.

11  
12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER. THANK YOU.

13  
14 **SUSAN KLIMUSKO:** MY NAME IS SUSAN KLIMUSKO AND I AM A  
15 REGISTERED NURSE. AND I AM HERE AS AN ACTIVIST FOR THE OPIATE  
16 EPIDEMIC THAT HAS HIT OUR NATION. I BURIED MY SON, AUSTIN  
17 KLIMUSKO, FOUR YEARS AGO. IT HAS BEEN A TRAGIC HORRIBLE  
18 NIGHTMARE IN MY FAMILY OF FOUR. IT RUINED A 30-YEAR MARRIAGE  
19 AND MY HUSBAND TOOK HIS LIFE LAST YEAR. IT'S BEEN DEVASTATING.  
20 MY SON STARTED HIS TRACK WITH THE OPIATE ADDICTION WITH THE  
21 PILLS IN THE CLOSETS OF EVERYBODY IN FAMILIES. WHEN I FOUND  
22 OUT HE WAS DOING THAT, I BOUGHT A SAFE I LOCKED MINE UP. BUT  
23 THIS WAS VERY TRAGIC ON HOW THE OPIATES ARE BEING PUT OUT  
24 THERE IN AMERICA. AND WE ARE LOSING 47,000-- WE LOST 47,000  
25 PEOPLE IN 2014. THAT'S 128 PEOPLE A DAY. WE ARE VERY TRAGIC OF



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1 WHAT HAPPENED IN ORLANDO THE LAST COUPLE DAYS. IT'S TRAGIC,  
2 AND I KNOW EXACTLY WHERE THOSE PARENTS ARE IN THEIR MINDSET OF  
3 BURYING THEIR CHILDREN. EVERY DAY WE LOSE CHILDREN, OUR OWN  
4 CHILDREN, TO THIS OPIATE NIGHTMARE. AND TO GET THEM OFF THE  
5 SHELVES AND INTO PROPER DISPOSAL WOULD BE VERY BENEFICIAL. I'M  
6 IN SUPPORT OF THIS ORDINANCE AS THE PHARMA SAID, IT WOULD BE A  
7 BURDEN FINANCIALLY. I PERSONALLY THINK IT'S A BURDEN  
8 EMOTIONALLY ON WHAT'S HAPPENED TO MANY PEOPLE I KNOW NOW  
9 TODAY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

10

11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. NEXT SPEAKER?

12

13 **SARA RADCLIFFE:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR, GOOD AFTERNOON. MY  
14 NAME IS SARA RADCLIFFE, AND I AM THE PRESIDENT AND C.E.O. OF  
15 THE CALIFORNIA LIFE SCIENCES ASSOCIATION, C.L.S.A. C.L.S.A. IS  
16 THE STATEWIDE VOICE FOR CALIFORNIA'S LIFE SCIENCES SECTOR AND  
17 SERVES OVER 750 BIOTECHNOLOGY, PHARMACEUTICAL, MEDICAL DEVICE  
18 AND DIAGNOSTICS COMPANIES RESEARCH UNIVERSITIES AND  
19 INSTITUTES, INVESTORS AND SERVICE PROVIDERS UP AND DOWN OUR  
20 STATE INCLUDING HERE IN LOS ANGELES. CALIFORNIA'S LIFE  
21 SCIENCES SECTOR DIRECTLY EMPLOYS MORE THAN 281,000 PEOPLE AND  
22 INDIRECTLY EMPLOYS ANOTHER 581,000. IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
23 ALONE, OVER 56,000 ARE DIRECTLY EMPLOYED IN THE SECTOR. THE  
24 ORDINANCE BEING DISCUSSED TODAY PROPOSES A STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM  
25 THAT ASSIGNS THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT TO



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1 PRIVATE INDUSTRY. THE SALE OF PHARMACEUTICALS AND SHARPS  
2 PRODUCTS IN THE UNITED STATES IS EXTREMELY COMPLICATED. IT  
3 INVOLVES MANUFACTURERS, WHOLESALERS, DOCTORS, HOSPITALS,  
4 NURSING FACILITIES, INSURANCE COMPANIES, GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS  
5 LIKE MEDICARE AND MEDICAID, AS WELL AS THOUSANDS OF RETAIL  
6 OUTLETS FROM PHARMACIES TO CORNER STORES AND ULTIMATELY THE  
7 PATIENT. PLACING THE ENTIRE BURDEN OF WASTE ON THE  
8 MANUFACTURERS IGNORES THIS COMPLEX SUPPLY CHAIN AND ATTEMPTS  
9 TO ADDRESS THE MATTER WITHOUT ANY SIGNIFICANCE INPUT FROM AND  
10 PARTICIPATION BY OTHER STAKEHOLDERS. THIS ORDINANCE IS ALSO A  
11 RADICAL DEPARTURE FROM OTHER RECYCLING PROGRAMS IN PLACE  
12 BECAUSE IT IMPOSES UNRECOVERABLE COSTS ON A SINGLE INDUSTRY  
13 FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION. THE ORDINANCE IS ALSO THE FIRST OF ITS  
14 KIND TO ADD A MANDATORY SHARPS TAKE-BACK PROGRAM. THERE IS  
15 SIGNIFICANT RISK IN HAVING DISPOSAL KIOSKS FOR USED SHARPS DUE  
16 TO POTENTIAL HAZARDOUS MATERIALS AND NON SHARPS WASTE BEING  
17 DEPOSITED IN THEM. C.L.S.A. RESPECTFULLY URGES THE COUNTY TO  
18 REJECT THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE AND OPTION 1 RECOMMENDATION AND  
19 INSTEAD CONSIDER SUPPORT FOR ROBUST EDUCATION PROGRAMS THAT  
20 ARE PROVEN BEST PRACTICES FOR THE SAFE DISPOSAL OF  
21 PHARMACEUTICALS AND SHARPS. THANK YOU.

22  
23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER?



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1   **LORENZO RIOS:** LORENZO RIOS REPRESENTING C.A.R.A. I'VE BEEN  
2   HEARING THE PHARMACISTS COMPANY CALLING, SAYING IT'S TOO MUCH  
3   MONEY TO SPEND ON AN ORDINANCE LIKE THIS. YET THEY MAKE  
4   BILLIONS, BILLIONS IN PROFIT. AND TO ME PROFIT MEANS THAT'S  
5   THE MONEY YOU EARN AFTER YOU PAY ALL YOUR BILLS. SO THERE'S A  
6   CLEAR PROFIT AND THEY CAN AFFORD TO PAY FOR THE TAKE-BACK  
7   PROGRAM HERE IN L.A. HOW MUCH DOES IT COST? IF YOU'VE SPENT A  
8   MILLION OUT OF A BILLION? IT'S NOTHING. BUT THIS COSTS MONEY.  
9   ALL OF A SUDDEN THEY WANT TO EDUCATE US ABOUT THE HOW TO  
10  DISPOSE YOUR PILLS AND DEAL. WHY DIDN'T THEY DO THAT 10 YEARS  
11  AGO? WHY NOW L.A. IS TRYING TO PASS AN ORDINANCE TO TAKE-BACK  
12  THE DRUGS AND SHARP PROGRAM, ARE THEY COMING WITH THIS SO-  
13  CALLED EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM? THEY AGREE IT IS A NECESSARY DEAL.  
14  BUT THEY DON'T WANT TO PAY FOR IT. I THINK IT'S TIME FOR L.A.  
15  TO STAND UP AND YOU SEE WHAT THE WALL SAYS OVER THERE? THAT  
16  THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE, BY THE PEOPLE FOR THE PEOPLE  
17  SHOULD NOT PERISH FROM THIS EARTH. AND YOU ARE GOVERNMENT  
18  REPRESENTING US. PAY ATTENTION TO THE PEOPLE THAT WANT THIS  
19  ORDINANCE PASSED. THANK YOU.

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21   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. DONNA MEREDITH. RUTH  
22   SARNOFF. MARSHA EPSTEIN.

23

24   **MARSHA EPSTEIN:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M DR. MARSHA EPSTEIN. I'M A  
25   LICENSED PHYSICIAN AND RESIDENT OF L.A. COUNTY. I'M A RETIRED



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1 DISTRICT HEALTH OFFICER AND AREA MEDICAL DIRECTOR IN L.A.  
2 COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, RETIRED IN 2010. MAY YOU  
3 ALL GET THERE. I'M HERE SUPPORTING THE ORDINANCE IN TWO  
4 CAPACITIES, AS A PHYSICIAN AND AS A PATIENT. I PERSONALLY TAKE  
5 FIVE DIFFERENT PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS. DESPITE MY EDUCATION  
6 AND AWARENESS OF THE ISSUE, IT'S DIFFICULT FOR ME TO DISPOSE  
7 OF MY MEDICATIONS WHEN MY DOCTORS CHANGE MY MEDICATIONS. AS A  
8 DISTRICT HEALTH OFFICER, WE HAD CUSTODIANS WITH NEEDLE STICKS  
9 BEFORE WE HAD SHARPS CONTAINERS OR WHEN SOMEONE FORGOT AND PUT  
10 SHARPS INTO THE TRASH. AND WE HAD PATIENTS WHO WALKED SEVERAL  
11 MILES TO GET TO THE COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH CENTERS. AND I'M SURE  
12 THERE'S SOME WHO STILL DO, AND A LOCAL PHARMACY WOULD BE  
13 CLOSER FOR THEM. THE LOGICAL-- DRUGS IN THE HOME ARE DANGEROUS  
14 AS PEOPLE HAVE INDICATED. THE LOGICAL PLACE TO DISPOSE OF  
15 MEDICATIONS AND SHARPS IS THE PHARMACY WHERE THEY WERE  
16 PURCHASED. WHEN WE BUY ELECTRONICS, IF THEY DON'T WORK, WE  
17 TAKE THEM BACK TO THE PLACE WHERE WE BOUGHT THEM. THE LOGICAL  
18 FUNDER IS THE DRUG COMPANIES. THE COST IS THE A FEW CENTS PER  
19 PRESCRIPTION AND THEIR PROFITS ARE UNBELIEVABLY HIGH. THERE'S  
20 NO SHERIFF'S STATION NEAR ME AND THE TOXIC WASTE COLLECTION  
21 SITE HAS LIMITED DAYS AND HOURS. I URGE YOU TO PASS AN  
22 ORDINANCE THAT WOULD REQUIRE THE PHARMACEUTICAL AND SHARPS  
23 MANUFACTURING COMPANIES TO PAY FOR DRUG AND SHARPS COLLECTION  
24 AND DISPOSAL AT ALL PHARMACIES AND FREE MAIL-BACK ENVELOPES.  
25 IF THE PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES ARE SO STRONGLY WANTING





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1 EDUCATION AS THEY WERE CLAIMING TODAY, WHY HAVEN'T THEY  
2 ALREADY DONE IT? AND I WANT TO THANK THE COUNTY EMPLOYEES AND  
3 STAKEHOLDERS WHO DEVELOPED THIS ORDINANCE. THANK YOU.

4

5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, RUTH?

6

7 **RUTH SARNOFF:** RUTH SARNOFF. I WANT TO HAVE SOME THOUGHT PUT  
8 INTO, FOR ONE THING, ABOUT THE EXPORTING OF THIS KIND OF  
9 HAZARDOUS WASTE AROUND THE WORLD BECAUSE WE HAVE A HISTORY  
10 LIKE WHEN WE OUTLAWED TRIS IN PAJAMAS WHICH WAS A CANCER  
11 PRODUCING FLAME RETARDANT. THEN WE SHIPPED IT OVER THE WORLD  
12 FOR YEARS AND YEARS AND YEARS. I THINK WE SHOULD BE SURE THAT  
13 WE'RE NOT SENDING ANY OF THIS AT THE TAIL END OF THIS WHOLE  
14 PROCESS TO SOME OTHER COUNTRY WHERE POOR PEOPLE IN SOME OTHER  
15 COUNTRY WILL BE AFFECTED. THAT'S NUMBER 1. AND I ALSO THINK  
16 THE PROTECTION OF THE PEOPLE WHO DO WORK IN THE COLLECTION OF  
17 THIS MATERIAL, IT'S IMPORTANT. I THINK WE SHOULD, IF IT'S  
18 POSSIBLE, THAT C.E.Q.A., THE SANITATION DEPARTMENT AND SOME  
19 OTHERS LOOK INTO THE PROBLEMS WITH DISPOSAL OF THIS. I THINK  
20 THAT THE INDUSTRY SHOULD PAY FOR THE COST OF ANYTHING THAT  
21 THEY DO NOT PROVIDE IN KIND LIKE AT A PHARMACY OR WHATEVER.  
22 AND I'M CONCERNED WHAT HOSPITALS, REST HOMES AND LOTS OF OTHER  
23 PLACES WHERE PEOPLE ARE TREATED AND IN-HOME CARE AND THAT KIND  
24 OF THING THAT WE HAVE SOME SIMPLE SOLUTIONS FOR THESE PEOPLE.  
25 I THINK LOOKING AT IT FROM A BROADER SENSE OF THE INCEPTION OF



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1 THE PRODUCTION OF THE DRUG ALL THE WAY DOWN TO THE FINAL  
2 RESTING PLACE FOR IT. WE'RE DEALING WITH SERIOUS WATER  
3 QUALITY, AIR QUALITY, SOIL QUALITY, ALL KINDS OF THINGS. AND  
4 AS YOU KNOW, THE TERRAIN CHANGES FROM TIME TO TIME. AN  
5 EARTHQUAKE AND ANY OTHER KIND OF THING DOES AFFECT WHAT'S  
6 HAPPENING IN REAL TIME. AND THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR TIME.

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** DONNA MEREDITH. BOB SHAW. ALISON  
9 REGAN. LAUREN AHKIAM. AND SHELIAH WARD.

10

11 **BOB WARD:** HELLO, MY NAME IS BOB SHAW AND I'M THE PRESIDENT OF  
12 M.W.S. WE OPERATE A FULL-SERVICE COLLECTION, TREATMENT AND  
13 DISPOSAL MEDICAL WASTE FACILITY IN THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY. OUR  
14 MANAGEMENT TEAM HAS OVER 45 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN THIS FIELD,  
15 AND COLLECTIVELY, WE HAVE AN PLANNED, PERMITTED AND BUILT AND  
16 OPERATED DOZENS OF FACILITIES BOTH INSIDE CALIFORNIA AND  
17 ACROSS THE COUNTRY. OUR CURRENT FACILITY LOCATED IN PARAMOUNT,  
18 CALIFORNIA, HAS BEEN OPERATING CONTINUOUSLY SINCE 2010 AND WE  
19 ENJOY PERFECT COMPLIANCE RECORD. WE ARE KEENLY AWARE OF THE  
20 SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS ASSOCIATED WITH IMPROPER  
21 DISPOSAL OF PHARMACEUTICAL WASTES. CALIFORNIA REGULATIONS  
22 REQUIRE THAT THESE MATERIALS BE TREATED VIA INCINERATION OR  
23 HIGH HEAT TO ENSURE COMPLETE DESTRUCTION. UNTIL RECENTLY, THAT  
24 MEANT THAT THE PHARMACEUTICALS WASTE GENERATED IN CALIFORNIA  
25 WERE TRUCKED THOUSANDS OF MILES ACROSS THE COUNTRY FOR



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1 DISPOSAL. NOW, OUR NEW CHRONOLUX INCINERATION PROCESS  
2 PERMITTED HERE IN L.A. COUNTY COMBINES TWO PROVEN  
3 TECHNOLOGIES, PYROLYSIS ASSISTS, WITH A COLD-PLASMA EXHAUST  
4 SYSTEM. THIS PATENTED COMBINATION ELIMINATES THE HARMFUL  
5 EMISSIONS ASSOCIATED WITH TRADITIONAL INCINERATION. WE'VE BEEN  
6 OPERATING THIS ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY TECHNOLOGY FOR OVER A  
7 YEAR. OUR EXHAUST IS CLEANER THAN A BOILER, CAR, FURNACE AND  
8 INCINERATOR. WE HAVE MULTIPLE FEDERAL AND STATE PERMITS IN  
9 PLACE. AND WE CAN CURRENTLY TAKE ALL END USER PHARMACEUTICALS.  
10 IN AUGUST WE EXPECT TO HAVE OUR E.P.A.-- EXCUSE ME OUR D.E.A.  
11 REVERSE DISTRIBUTION PERMIT WHICH WILL ALLOW US TO TAKE THOSE  
12 ALSO CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES, KNOWN CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES. THIS  
13 PROCESS HAS A VERY SMALL AMOUNT OF NONHAZARDOUS ASH ASSOCIATED  
14 WITH IT. M.W.S. IS PROUD TO OFFER A LOCAL, AFFORDABLE,  
15 ENVIRONMENTAL FRIENDLY, CLEAN AND SAFE GREEN HOME FOR ALL OF  
16 CALIFORNIA'S PHARMACEUTICAL AND MEDICAL WASTE NEEDS. THANK  
17 YOU.

18

19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

20

21 **SHELIAH WARD:** GREETINGS IN THE SPIRIT OF THE MOST HIGH.  
22 SHELIAH WARD. I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT FIRST OF ALL LET US NOT  
23 MAKE PLASTICS OR PLASTIC THINGS OR CREATE THINGS THAT ARE  
24 ILLEGAL IN THE FUTURE. THAT'S OUR FAULT. WE SHOULDN'T EVEN  
25 CREATE THESE THINGS TO BEGIN WITH. AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION IS



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1 WORTH A POUND OF CURE. AND SECOND OF ALL, DON'T DROP OFF  
2 ANYTHING AT A PHARMACY BECAUSE THEY MIGHT REUSE IT AND GIVE IT  
3 TO ANOTHER PATIENT THAT WAS IN SOMEONE'S HOME AND THAT'S  
4 CONTAMINATION. AND 400 YEARS AGO THERE WERE NO DISEASES HERE.  
5 WHY? BECAUSE WE ALL ATE PROPERLY. WE EXERCISED. AND WE DIDN'T  
6 EAT THINGS THAT WERE UNGODLY. WE ATE FRESH VEGETABLES AND  
7 FRUIT. WE FASTED 40 DAYS THE BEGINNING OF SPRING FOR  
8 EVERYBODY, FAST 40 DAYS AND DIDN'T EAT ANYTHING FROM ANYTHING  
9 THAT MOVED. WE CALLED IT FAT TUESDAY. YOU PEOPLE CALL IT MARDI  
10 GRAS IN THE MIDDLE OF WINTER INSTEAD OF THE FIRST TUESDAY OF  
11 SPRING. THE ALMIGHTY GOD MADE EVERYTHING CORRECT. EVERY HERB  
12 BEARING SEED AND WHICH IS FRUIT BEARING. ALMIGHTY GOD SAID  
13 IT'S FOR MEAT. WE AS HUMANS, AS GODS AND GODDESSES, AS PEOPLE,  
14 AS MAN, WE NEED TO STOP IT. WE SHOULDN'T BE SITTING HERE  
15 TALKING ABOUT SOMETHING AT THAT LATE STAGE OF THE GAME. WE'RE  
16 INTELLIGENT. WE KNOW THAT THESE NEEDLES, THESE DRUGS ARE  
17 HARMING EVERYTHING AND EVERYONE ON SOCIETY, ESPECIALLY THE  
18 ANIMALS, WHY THEY'RE BEING BEACHED. LET US NOT DO THIS. I  
19 DON'T WANT TO LIVE IN A WORLD WHERE THERE'S NO CRYING AND  
20 DYING AND NO SORROW AND NO PAIN. THAT MEANS WE'LL BE SOLOMON'S  
21 TEMPLE, NOTHING.

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23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** DONNA MEREDITH? ALISON REGAN. LAUREN  
24 AHKIAM. ERIC PREVEN. ARNOLD SACHS. BRYNNA CLARK.

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1   **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, IT'S ERIC PREVEN FROM THE THIRD DISTRICT. I  
2   SUPPORT OPTION 1 HERE. I WANT TO JUST MAKE A MOMENT ON THESE  
3   PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES THAT ARE, YOU KNOW, THEY'RE TO BE  
4   LOVED AND HATED IN EQUAL MEASURE BECAUSE THEY ARE PROVIDING  
5   INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT MEDICINES FOR THE PEOPLE IN OUR  
6   COMMUNITY, BUT THEY HAVE A PROFITABLE ENTERPRISE AND IT'S BEEN  
7   PROFITABLE FOR MANY, MANY YEARS. AND THIS RESPONSIBILITY  
8   SHOULD FALL ON THEM. I THINK THIS ORDINANCE LARGELY MAKES THAT  
9   THE CASE. I THINK THAT A QUARTERLY DROP-OFF DATES ARE OF NOTE.  
10   AND IT SHOULD BE MONTHLY AT LEAST BECAUSE TO DO IT ON A  
11   QUARTERLY BASIS IS A WEIRD DETAIL. THAT'S LIKE A SUPERVISORS  
12   OR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. NOBODY THINKS IN QUARTERS, WE THINK  
13   FIRST OF THE MONTH. THAT WOULD BE GOOD AREA. I CAN SIMPLY SAY  
14   THAT WE HAVE ENDURED IN OUR CULTURE A LOT FROM THESE  
15   PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES SOME OF WHICH IS POSITIVE, AS I SAID.  
16   WE HAVE THEM ALL OVER THE TELEVISION DIAL NOW. THEY SEEM TO  
17   HAVE AN ENORMOUS AMOUNT OF MONEY TO RUN THOSE COMMERCIALS  
18   DURING EVERY SINGLE EVENT OR KIND OF TELEVISED PROGRAMMING  
19   THAT SKEWS ANYWHERE ABOVE A TEENAGER, YOU ARE INUNDATED WITH  
20   THIS STUFF. SO I'M SURE WORKING COLLECTIVELY ALONG WITH THE  
21   OTHER COUNTIES THAT HAVE ALREADY WORKED OUT SOME OF THE  
22   PROBLEMS WITH THESE PROGRAMS AND WITH THIS KIND OF AN  
23   ORDINANCE, THE COUNTY OF L.A. IS GOING TO BE A LEADER IN  
24   BRINGING SOMETHING LIKE THIS FORWARD. I WANT TO GIVE A SHOUT  
25   OUT TO THE MANY LOBBYISTS WHO CAME DOWN HERE ON BEHALF OF THE



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1 PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES AND I ASSUME WE WILL BE SPEAKING  
2 LATER ON THEIR POINT WHICH IS WE CAN'T DO THIS BECAUSE IT'S  
3 GOING TO HURT THE COUNTY AND THE BUSINESS BECAUSE BY TAKING  
4 \$40 MILLION OUT OF THIS MULTIBILLION DOLLAR INDUSTRY A YEAR IN  
5 ORDER TO TAKE CARE OF OUR COMMUNITIES AND THE COAST AND ALL  
6 THOSE THINGS THAT ARE INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT, THOSE BUSINESSES  
7 ARE GOING TO BE HURT. AND WE ALL REMEMBER THAT LITTLE PRICK IF  
8 I MAY USE THE COLLOQUIAL EXPRESSION FROM VALIENDUR TURING  
9 [PH?] WHO LAUGHED IN THE FACE OF THE CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS  
10 WHEN HE WAS ASKED TO-- IT WAS A SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT ISSUE, BUT  
11 IT'S THE SAME GREW HE GROUP. THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MA'AM?

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15 **BRYNNA CLARK:** YES, GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS BRYNNA CLARK AND  
16 WITH G.P.H.A, THE GENERIC PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION. WE'RE  
17 THE TRADE ASSOCIATION THAT REPRESENTS GENERIC DRUG  
18 MANUFACTURERS. WE OFFER 88 PERCENT OF THE PRESCRIPTION DRUGS  
19 DISPENSED BUT ONLY 20 PERCENT OF THE COST OUT THERE. WE  
20 APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH THE STAFF AND ALL OF  
21 THE STAKEHOLDER PROCESSES, BUT WE UNDERSTAND THE CONCERNS ON  
22 THIS ISSUE WHICH IS WHY WE HAVE COME TOGETHER WITH THE REST OF  
23 THE PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY AND THE SHARPS INDUSTRY TO PROVIDE  
24 A VIABLE ALTERNATIVE BECAUSE THE ALAMEDA COUNTY ISN'T WORKING.  
25 THERE HAVE BEEN ZERO KIOSKS PLACED IN ALAMEDA COUNTY UNDER





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1 THIS PROGRAM, ZERO. SO THAT'S NOT CONVENIENT. THAT'S NOT EASY.  
2 THAT'S NOT A GOOD ALTERNATIVE FOR ANYONE. BUT WHAT IS THE FACT  
3 OF THE INDUSTRY WE FEEL VERY STRONGLY AT AN EDUCATIONAL  
4 PROGRAM CAN ONLY CHANGE PATIENT BEHAVIOR WHICH IS WHAT WE NEED  
5 TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN THIS AREA. SO WE HEAR YOUR CONCERNS. WE  
6 WANT TO WORK WITH YOU. WE RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT YOU REJECT  
7 THIS ORDINANCE AND OPTION NUMBER 1 AND INSTEAD CONSIDER AN  
8 EDUCATION PLAN THAT CAN TRULY CHANGE PATIENT BEHAVIOR AND  
9 ADDRESS THIS PROBLEM SUCCESSFULLY. THANK YOU.

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11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. FINALLY.

12

13 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS.  
14 LISTENING TO PART OF THIS CONVERSATION, I REALLY WASN'T GOING  
15 TO TALK ABOUT THIS BUT THEN SOMEBODY MENTIONED SOMETHING ABOUT  
16 EDUCATION AND THEN THE POLICY. AND THE RECORD OF TIME THAT'S  
17 PASSED BOARD RESOLUTION IN 2008 AND THEN THE ADOPTION MUCH A  
18 ROAD MAP IN 2014 AND I STARTED THINKING BACK TO THE BACK OF  
19 THE ROOM. DO YOU KNOW WHAT THIS REMINDS ME OF? ONE OF THE  
20 WOMEN SPEAKERS WAS ABSOLUTELY RIGHT. SHE MENTIONED BIG  
21 PHARMACY. METHAMPHETAMINES. REMEMBER THAT? THERE WAS A BIG  
22 DISCUSSION HOW LONG IT TOOK THE PHARMACIES TO REACT TO THE  
23 METHAMPHETAMINE? PEOPLE WERE STEALING THE COLD REMEDY TABLETS  
24 THAT HAD THE ACTIVE INGREDIENTS? AND IT TOOK THEM YEARS, YEARS  
25 AND YEARS TO ACTUALLY AGREE TO ACTUALLY LOCK THEM UP. SAME



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1 SITUATION. THIS IS YEARS AND YEARS AND YEARS OF DOING THE  
2 RIGHT THING WHILE MAKING MONEY. AND THEY'RE MAKING MONEY ON  
3 BOTH ENDS OF THE SPECTRUM. THEY'RE MAKING MONEY SELLING THE  
4 PRODUCT AND THEY'RE MAKING MONEY OFF OF THE HARM THAT THE  
5 PRODUCTS COST. AND IT PUTS YOU IN THE SPOTLIGHT BECAUSE YOU  
6 ESSENTIALLY SOMEWHAT LET THEM. THIS IS A 10-YEAR PROGRAM THAT  
7 YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT HERE TO GET THIS GOING. SO THE SAME THING  
8 HAPPENED IN METHAMPHETAMINE, BECAUSE AS A MATTER OF FACT, THEY  
9 HAD A DISCUSSION BACK IN CITY COUNCIL, IN THE CITY OF LOS  
10 ANGELES AND THEY BROUGHT IT UP AND SAID, IT TOOK FOREVER FOR  
11 SOMEONE TO FINALLY DECIDE THE SAY YOU NEED TO PUT THIS-- LOCK  
12 THESE COLD REMEDIES UP. YOU NEED TO GET THEM OUT OF REACH SO  
13 THAT PEOPLE CAN'T WALK INTO PHARMACIES AND GRAB A WHOLE CRAP  
14 LOAD OF THEM AND THEN WALK OUT THE DOOR. AND IT TOOK THEM  
15 YEARS. AND IT'S THE SAME THING. IT'S ABOUT THE MONEY. AND IT'S  
16 ABOUT THE MONEY THAT LOBBYISTS PAY TO KEEP YOU IN OFFICE. AND  
17 THERE'S A PROBLEM THERE, TOO. THANK YOU.

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MADAME CHAIR?

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21 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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23 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** YOU SAY THE COMMITTEE HAS DONE A GOOD  
24 JOB, PUBLIC HEALTH, THE COUNTY. AND I APPRECIATE ALL OF THE  
25 PEOPLE COMING DOWN TO TESTIFY, BUT I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE THAT



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1 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WOULD DIRECT THE COUNTY E.P.R.  
2 WORKING GROUP TO WORK WITH THE STAKEHOLDERS TO IMPLEMENT AND  
3 IMMEDIATELY LAUNCH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN  
4 OPTION 1 OF THE REPORT PRESENTED IN ITEM R-1 A PUBLIC  
5 EDUCATION OUTREACH PROGRAM APPROVED BY THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC  
6 HEALTH WITH THOSE QUARTERLY TAKE-BACK EVENT DAYS, DIRECT WITH  
7 WALGREENS TO ASSESS THE PERFORMANCE OF WALGREEN'S 24 HOUR  
8 KIOSKS AND REPORT BACK ON THE ESTABLISHED BENCHMARKS AND BEST  
9 PRACTICES THAT HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED AS A RESULT OF THEIR TAKE-  
10 BACK OPERATION WITHIN THEIR PHARMACIES, REPORT BACK WITH A  
11 STATUS REPORT IN 60 DAYS WITH A FINAL REPORT EVALUATING THE  
12 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TAKE-BACK EDUCATION QUARTERLY COLLECTION  
13 EVENTS. REPORT THAT WOULD INCLUDE BENCHMARKS THAT MEASURE THE  
14 EFFECTIVENESS OF THESE ACTIVITIES AND REFER ITEM 22 AND 73  
15 BACK TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, DIRECTING THE ACTING  
16 DIRECTOR TO PRESENT THOSE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS  
17 RESULTING FROM THE E.P.R. WORKING GROUP'S EVALUATIONS TO THE  
18 BOARD AND THIS REPORT SHOULD BE PROVIDED AT THE BOARD'S  
19 NOVEMBER 1, 2016 MEETING.

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21 **SUP. KNABE:** I'LL SECOND THAT. MADAME CHAIR, I DO HAVE A  
22 QUESTION. TO SORT OF CLARIFY ON THE TAKE-BACK? ARE THESE TAKE-  
23 BACKS BEING FUNDED BY THE INDUSTRY TO A GRANT FOR LAW  
24 ENFORCEMENT? THE GRANTS? DO WE KNOW THAT?



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1    **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** I THINK WE NEED TO HAVE A PUBLIC-  
2    PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP IN THE PROGRAM

3

4    **SUP. KNABE:** BUT I ASSUME PART OF IT IS THE TAKE-BACK THAT--  
5    THE RECOMMENDATION IS THEN WE HAVE IT FUNDED BY THE INDUSTRY,  
6    CORRECT?

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8    **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I'LL HAVE THE DEPARTMENT RESPOND.

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10   **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** HAVE THE EXPERTS FROM PUBLIC HEALTH.  
11   ANGEL, PLEASE ANSWER THE QUESTION?

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13   **ANGELO BELLOMO:** I THINK THE PREFERRED APPROACH WOULD BE TO  
14   HAVE THE INDUSTRY FUND THESE COLLECTION EVENTS AND WE CAN  
15   CERTAINLY REACH OUT TO THE INDUSTRY TO SEE IF WE CAN MAKE THAT  
16   HAPPEN.

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18   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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20   **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. IT COULD BE THE  
21   TIME OF DAY, BUT I'M GOING TO SAY SOMETHING A LITTLE GRUMPY.  
22   IT LOOKS PRETTY CLEAR TO ME THAT THE ORDINANCE WILL NOT BE  
23   ADOPTED TODAY. THE MOTION IS TO PUT IT OFF ESSENTIALLY TO  
24   NOVEMBER, IF IT EVER HAPPENS. AND I THINK WHAT HAS HAPPENED  
25   ALONG THE WAY IS THAT, AS OFTEN HAPPENS, THE STAFF IS VERY



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1 GOOD AND DOES EVERYTHING THAT IT'S ASKED TO DO AND RECOMMENDS  
2 THOSE THINGS THAT MAKE A GOOD DEAL OF SENSE. AND THEN THINGS  
3 GET VERY CLOUDED. AND IN THIS CASE, I THINK GOT VERY CLOUDED  
4 OVER THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS. IN TERMS OF WHETHER THERE WOULD  
5 BE A LONG RUN UP ON THINKING ABOUT WHAT THE ORDINANCE SHOULD  
6 SAY, OR HOW MUCH PARTICIPATION THE INDUSTRY SHOULD HAVE. WHAT  
7 WE MIGHT DO IN THE SHORT-TERM. AND THE GRUMPY THING I WANT TO  
8 SAY IS I THINK IT MAKES ABOUT AS MUCH SENSE HAVING THE  
9 PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY BE IN CHARGE OF THEIR TAKE-BACK AS IT  
10 WAS FOR SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS TO BE IN CHARGE OF LOOKING AT  
11 THEIR LEAKS. IT'S NOT THE RIGHT WAY TO GO. TO BE LESS GRUMPY,  
12 I WILL ABSTAIN ON THIS MOTION TODAY BECAUSE WHAT I DO LIKE  
13 ABOUT IT IS THAT WE'LL GET A REPORT IN NOVEMBER, WHICH LOOKS  
14 LIKE THE FIRST TIME WE'RE GOING GET ANYTHING SERIOUS DONE  
15 ABOUT IT, ANYWAY. I WANT TO SAY THAT I'M VERY SERIOUS ABOUT  
16 GETTING SOMETHING DONE ON IT AND I'VE ALWAYS BEEN VERY PATIENT  
17 ABOUT GETTING THINGS THROUGH. WE COULDN'T EVEN PROTECT GAY  
18 STUDENTS FOR SIX YEARS UP IN SACRAMENTO. AND ALL WE KEPT  
19 SAYING WAS: WE'RE BACK. AND WHAT I WANT TO SAY ABOUT THIS  
20 ORDINANCE IS I THINK I CAN SAY, I DON'T KNOW EXACTLY WHEN, BUT  
21 WE'RE GOING TO SAY "WE'RE BACK" BECAUSE IT'LL BE GOOD TO HAVE  
22 THE DATA FROM FIVE OR SIX DIFFERENT WALGREENS DRUG STORES  
23 TAKING THINGS BACK EVERY QUARTER BECAUSE IN MY OPINION, IT  
24 WILL SHOW HOW WEAK IT IS, HOW INEFFECTIVE IT IS, AND HOW MUCH  
25 MORE WE NEED. SO I'LL BE VERY HAPPY TO HAVE THAT KIND OF



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1 INFORMATION. I AM DISAPPOINTED, THOUGH, AS I SAID IT'S NOT  
2 UNUSUAL FOR US TO GO BACK AND FORTH ESPECIALLY WITH AN  
3 INDUSTRY WITH A NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO THINK DIFFERENTLY ABOUT  
4 HOW THINGS SHOULD BE DONE. THIS IS COMPLICATED. THERE'S NO  
5 QUESTION ABOUT IT. BUT AS A FORMER MEMBER OF THE WASTE BOARD,  
6 I HAVE TO SAY THAT I WAS ALWAYS IN FAVOR OF THE PHARMACEUTICAL  
7 INDUSTRY BEING REQUIRED-- AND OTHER MANUFACTURERS-- REQUIRED  
8 TO PAY FOR WHATEVER RECYCLING GOES ON WITH THE COOPERATION OF  
9 THE COUNTY. I LIKE HAVING DROP-OFF PLACES IN OUR FIRE  
10 STATIONS, EVERYBODY THEN KNOWS WHERE THEIR FIRE STATION IS,  
11 WHICH IS A GOOD THING, TOO. BUT BEFORE WE EVER HAD CURBSIDE  
12 RECYCLING, THERE WAS A LOT OF TALK ABOUT HOW LITTLE WE COULD  
13 DO ABOUT RECYCLING IN GENERAL. AND WE'VE COME A LONG WAY  
14 BECAUSE WE KEEP WORKING AT IT. I WANT TO SAY THAT FOR ME, I  
15 DON'T SEE US HAVING AN ORDINANCE TODAY. I SEE US HAVING A  
16 LITTLE BIT OF A TAKE-BACK EXPERIMENT. FINE. I LOOK FORWARD TO  
17 THE REPORT BACK AND I LOOK FORWARD TO A VERY STRONG ORDINANCE  
18 EVEN IF IT HAS TO BE IN 2017.

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20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT WHEN THIS  
21 CAME TO ME ORIGINALLY, I WAS VERY ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THE  
22 POSSIBILITY OF THE COUNTY LEADING THE SOUTHERN PART OF  
23 CALIFORNIA BECAUSE ALAMEDA ALREADY DID IT. I THOUGHT THIS WAS  
24 A WAY TO GO. WE ARE SO INNOVATIVE. WE HAVE GOOD DATA AND WE  
25 HAVE GOOD PEOPLE. AND THE RESEARCH AND THE REPORT THAT WAS PUT





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1 TOGETHER SAYS IT RIGHT HERE. THE ORDINANCE PROVIDES THE BOARD  
2 THE OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE SAFE, CONVENIENT, SUSTAINABLE  
3 OPTIONS, PROTECTS THE ENVIRONMENT, PROTECTS THE PUBLIC'S  
4 HEALTH AND HELPS TO SAVE LIVES. BUT IT'S NOT HAPPENING TODAY.  
5 AND THAT'S WHAT I'M DISAPPOINTED ABOUT. AND I KNOW MY STAFF  
6 AND OUR COUNTY STAFF, YOU ALL HAVE WORKED ON OPTION 1. THAT'S  
7 A GOOD COMPROMISE BUT IT'S ONLY 5 CENTS FOR ME. WE STILL NEED  
8 95 CENTS. AND WE DON'T HAVE IT. SO I, TOO, FEEL AT THIS TIME  
9 THAT IT'S BETTER THAT I REMOVE MYSELF AND ABSTAIN AT THIS  
10 TIME. SO LET'S-- ARE THERE ANY OTHER COMMENTS? WE'LL CALL THE  
11 ROLL?

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13 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AYE.

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17 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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19 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** ABSTAIN.

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21 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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23 **SUP. KNABE:** AYE.

24

25 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?



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2     **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** AYE.

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4     **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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6     **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** ABSTAIN.

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8     **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** THE MOTION CARRIES.

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10    **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MOTION CARRIES. TWO ABSTENTIONS.

11    OKAY. MOVING ON TO ITEM 68. INMATE PHONE CALLS. MEMBERS, I

12    HAVE ITEM 68. I WANTED TO-- THIS IS A REPORT FROM SHERIFF'S

13    DEPARTMENT REGARDING INMATE PHONE CALLS. I DON'T KNOW THAT WE

14    NECESSARILY NEED TO HAVE A PRESENTATION. I JUST WANT TO MAKE

15    AN AMENDMENT, YEAH. AND I DON'T REALLY WANT TO READ THE ENTIRE

16    PREAMBLE, BUT I CAN GO STRAIGHT TO THE BOARD ACTION. AND FOR

17    THE PUBLIC, JUST TO BE AWARE THAT THERE'S LOT OF INFORMATION

18    THAT I THINK WE'RE STILL MISSING ON HOW THESE RATES WERE

19    CALCULATED. BUT THE POINT BEING IS THAT I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT

20    FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE IN OUR CUSTODY TO HAVE THAT ABILITY, MOST

21    WHO ARE INDIGENT IN SOME CASES, THAT THEY HAVE THE ABILITY TO

22    MAKE CONTACT WITH THEIR LOVED ONES. AND IT'S AN EXORBITANT

23    AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT THEY GET CHARGED AT CERTAIN RATES. AND SO

24    WHAT I'M SIMPLY DOING IS ASKING FOR AN AMENDMENT HERE TO

25    GRANT, IF I CAN, MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS GRANT THE



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1 SHERIFF THE AUTHORITY REQUESTED IN THE BOARD LETTER DATED JUNE  
2 8TH, 2016, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE AUTHORITY OF THE EXERCISE  
3 THE ONE YEAR OPTION TERM, WHICH I UNDERSTAND THEY NEED.  
4 REQUEST THAT THE SHERIFF, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE C.E.O.,  
5 PROBATION DEPARTMENT OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY, TO  
6 REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD IN WRITING BY SEPTEMBER 30, 2016 WITH  
7 A DETAILED ANALYSIS OF THE IMPACT OF THE CONTRACT AMENDMENTS  
8 ON THE COST AND USE OF INMATE PHONE CALLS AS WELL AS  
9 RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING TERMS THAT SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN A  
10 REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL THAT WOULD INCREASE CONTACT BETWEEN  
11 INMATES AND THEIR FAMILIES AND MINIMIZE RECIDIVISM AND IMPACT  
12 ON DISTRESSED COMMUNITIES. DIRECT THE COUNTY COUNSEL TO  
13 PREPARE A MEMORANDUM CLARIFYING THE PARAMETERS OF THE F.C.C.  
14 RULING AND IN CONSULTATION WITH OTHER JURISDICTIONS LEADING  
15 ADVOCACY GROUPS AND EXPERTS IDENTIFY BEST PRACTICES IN  
16 IMPLEMENTING THESE REGULATION TO MEET THE OBJECTIVES  
17 ARTICULATED IN THE PREVIOUS DIRECTIVE. SO SIMPLY SAID, IT'S  
18 ASKING OUR SHERIFF TO PLEASE DO SOME ANALYSIS, COME BACK. WE  
19 REALIZE THAT THIS IS SOMETHING THAT THIS BOARD HAS HEARD ON  
20 OCCASION REGARDING FAMILIES IN OUR CUSTODY HAVING THE ABILITY  
21 TO BE ABLE TO COMMUNICATE WITHOUT BEING LEVELED WITH HIGH  
22 FEES. SO WE'LL ASK FOR A REPORT BACK IS THERE ANY QUESTIONS?  
23



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1   **SUP. KNABE:** THE ONLY QUESTION, I SUPPORT THE MOTION. THE ONLY  
2   QUESTION I HAVE IS, IT'S GOING TO BE A VERY SIGNIFICANT  
3   REVENUE LOSS. SO IF IT HAS TO COME BACK.

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5   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THAT'S IN THE ANALYSIS.

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7   **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU. I'LL SECOND THAT.

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9   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** BUT THESE PEOPLE ARE NOT WORKING,  
10   ANYWAY. SO KEEP THAT IN MIND. THE ITEM IS MOVED. BEFORE WE  
11   TAKE THAT UP, WE HAVE TWO SPEAKERS, ERIC PREVEN AND SHELIAH  
12   WARD.

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14   **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, I'M NOT SURE WHAT THE LOOK BACK IS GOING TO  
15   INDICATE OR COME BACK WITH BUT I AGREE THERE'S GOING TO BE A  
16   POTENTIAL REVENUE IMPACT. NOW THE CURRENT CONTRACT IS A \$15  
17   MILLION MUST PROVIDE TO THE COUNTY. THAT'S AT THE BASE LEVEL  
18   ON THIS CONTRACT. SO I THINK IT'S 1 POINT SOMETHING PER MONTH  
19   THAT THEY HAVE TO GUARANTEE TO THE COUNTY. NOW, THAT'S NOT THE  
20   KIND OF REVENUE THAT IS GOING HURT THIS GREAT COUNTY AS MISS  
21   HAMAI WHO ALWAYS STEPS OUT, GOOD CHOICE. AND THAT IS, IN FACT,  
22   A VERY SMALL ISSUE BECAUSE THE SAVINGS THAT ARE GOING TO BE  
23   ENJOYED WHEN WE DO A BETTER JOB WITH THIS POPULATION, WHICH IS  
24   CHALLENGING. NOBODY IS LOOKING FOR-- WELL I AM LOOKING FOR,  
25   ACTUALLY, A RADICAL TRANSFORMATION. THOSE OF YOU WHO SAW "60



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1 MINUTES" WHEN THEY LOOKED AT THE GERMAN SOLUTION FOR  
2 INCARCERATION, THE WAY INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE COMMITTED CRIMES  
3 ARE DEALT WITH, IT WAS A STARK CONTRAST. AND I KNOW THAT  
4 THAT'S SOMETHING THAT WE'RE REACHING FOR. WE'RE REACHING FOR A  
5 MORE HUMANE AND REHABILITATION FOCUSED-- RE RECIDIVISM, MR.  
6 THOMAS YOU REMEMBER THAT TERM FROM YOUR PREVIOUS ELECTIONS,  
7 THAT'S THE KIND OF ATTITUDE THAT I THINK WE'RE LOOKING FOR. I  
8 APOLOGIZE, SUPERVISOR, FOR BRINGING-- I KNOW KUEHL ASKED LAST  
9 WEEK, BRINGING FORWARD SOMETHING. WHAT CAN WE DO? BECAUSE  
10 THESE ARE PROFITEERS. THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH MAKING  
11 PROFIT. BUT THIS IS NOT AN AREA WHERE THE COUNTY OF LOS  
12 ANGELES WANTS TO BE BENDING OVER BACKWARDS. NOW, MARKING UP A  
13 CALL BY 67 PERCENT FOR COUNTY REVENUE IS A SHAMEFUL TWIST. SO  
14 WE'LL FIND SOMETHING TO DO TO LOWER THAT DOWN SO THAT WE'RE  
15 NOT HITTING THESE PEOPLE WHO ARE POVERTY-STRICKEN, GENERALLY  
16 SPEAKING. NOT EVERY SINGLE ONE. AND HAS TO BE ENFORCED FAIRLY.  
17 BUT THERE'S NO GOOD REASON TO BE CHARGING SO MUCH MONEY FOR  
18 TELEPHONE COMMUNICATIONS. IT'S JUST NOT APPROPRIATE. SO I  
19 APPRECIATE THAT. THANK YOU.

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21 **SHELIAH WARD:** GREETINGS IN THE SPIRIT OF THE MOST HIGH. THEY  
22 CALL ME CHIEF COMMAND RICH GODDESS AMBASSADOR SHELIAH WARD FOR  
23 MANY REASONS BECAUSE I WORK FOR FREE SINCE I WAS A CHILD. IT'S  
24 APPALLING THAT I COMMITTED A CRIME. I WENT TO JAIL AND NOW  
25 YOU'RE GOING TO CHARGE ME FOR ANOTHER CRIME FOR BEING IN JAIL



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1 FOR NOT HAVING MONEY TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE OUTSIDE FORCES TO  
2 BE. AND THEN THE PRICES THAT PEOPLE CHARGE INSIDE THE JAILS  
3 FOR PEOPLE TO CALL THEIR LOVED ONES AND TO SPEAK TO PEOPLE IS  
4 OUTRAGEOUS. AND IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE AGAINST THE LAW. HOW IS IT  
5 THAT I GO TO JAIL AND THEN YOU SEND ME WAY UP NORTH, WAY  
6 ACROSS THE COUNTRY SOMEWHERE AND NOBODY CAN COME AND VISIT ME  
7 AND I HAVE TO BE NEAR A PHONE TO HEAR SOME TYPE OF  
8 COMMUNICATIONS. THAT'S A SEPARATE PUNISHMENT ON TOP OF THE  
9 PUNISHMENT THAT IS ALREADY THERE. PEOPLE COME TO ME AND  
10 COMPLAIN ALL THE TIME TELLING ME, SHELIAH, THERE WAS NO J.  
11 THERE WAS NO ESAU AND JACOB. NO JOSHUA WHO FOUGHT THE BATTLE  
12 OF JERICHO. NONE OF IT. SO IF IT WAS NONE OF THAT, THEN WHAT  
13 ARE WE TALKING ABOUT HERE TODAY? LIKE I KEEP REITERATING, I DO  
14 NOT WANT AND DESIRE TO LIVE IN A WORLD THAT'S BURNING DOWN.  
15 STOP INCARCERATING PEOPLE. IF YOU'RE GOING TO INCARCERATE  
16 PEOPLE, INCARCERATE EVERYBODY FOR THE SAME CRIME, NOT, I WENT  
17 BECAUSE I'M POOR. I CAN'T GET ON THE PHONE AND CALL SOMEONE  
18 BECAUSE I'M POOR. OR I CAN'T BE HEARD OF AGAIN BECAUSE I DON'T  
19 KNOW ANYBODY. SO LET'S STOP THIS LACK OF COMMUNICATION INSIDE  
20 THE JAILS AND OUT BECAUSE IT'S ILLEGAL BY THE HOLY SPIRIT  
21 ALMIGHTY GOD. I'M TELLING YOU, I DON'T WANT TO COME BACK AND  
22 LIVE IN SOLOMON'S TEMPLE. THAT IS NOTHING NEXT TO ONE FLOWER.  
23 OKAY. THINK ABOUT IT. ONE FLOWER IS BETTER THAN ALL OF  
24 SOLOMON'S TEMPLE.

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1    **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** ARNOLD SACHS?

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3    **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU, GOOD MORNING, ARNOLD SACHS. AND YOUR  
4    IDEA FOR A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL IS SOMEWHAT A GOOD IDEA. BUT  
5    I'M REMINDED OF A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL THE SHERIFF HAS WITH  
6    THE REHABILITATION PROGRAM THAT WE HAVE TO HAVE A SOLE- SOURCE  
7    CONTRACT FOR THAT AND IT'S TAKEN A YEAR OR TWO FOR THEM TO DO  
8    THIS SO DO YOU HAVE A TIME LIMIT FOR THEM TO COME BACK WITH A  
9    REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL WITH THE INFORMATION THAT THEY'RE LOOKING  
10   FOR? AND THE FACT THAT YOU'VE HEARD THIS, I DON'T BELIEVE  
11   YOU'VE EVER HEARD THIS ITEM REGARDING THE CELL PHONE, OR THE  
12   PHONE BILLING RATES. SINCE YOU'VE BEEN IN OFFICE, HAVING IT ON  
13   YOUR AGENDA ONCE BEFORE DOES NOT MEAN YOU'VE HAD A HEARING.  
14   BECAUSE THERE WAS A STORY ABOUT THE EXORBITANT RATES THAT  
15   INMATES PAY FOR PHONE USAGE. AS A MATTER OF FACT, I DO BELIEVE  
16   THAT SUPERVISOR KUEHL HAD A DISCUSSION WITH THE EX-CITY--  
17   COUNTY COUNSEL ABOUT THE JAIL FACILITIES IN ALTADENA? NOT  
18   ALTADENA. YOU WERE OUTSOURCING COUNTY INMATES AND SUPERVISOR  
19   KUEHL MENTION TO HIM THAT NOBODY'S GOING TO MAKE A PROFIT OVER  
20   THE HEADS OF INMATES AS LONG AS SHE WAS IN OFFICE. WHAT CITY  
21   WAS THAT IN? DO YOU REMEMBER OFFHAND? BUT YOU REMEMBER THAT  
22   DISCUSSION YOU HAD WITH THE COUNTY-- YEAH. SO I BROUGHT UP THE  
23   FACT THAT AT THAT TIME THAT YOU SHOULD LOOK INTO MAKING A  
24   PROFIT ON THE PHONE SYSTEM. IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU MOVING ON



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1 THIS. WHO KNOWS WHEN THE LAST RAIL CAR WILL PASS ON THIS ITEM.  
2 HOW LONG THAT TRAIN'S GOING TO TAKE.

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4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY, MEMBERS, THIS IS A REPORT WITH  
5 AN AMENDMENT.

6

7 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** THE MATTER BEFORE YOU, MADAME  
8 CHAIR, IS AN AMENDMENT TO AGENDA ITEM NO. 68. IT WAS MOVED BY  
9 THE CHAIR. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. WITH NO OBJECTION?

10

11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION. THANK YOU. AND  
12 QUICKLY MOVING ON TO 75-A. I HELD THIS. AND I REALLY JUST  
13 WANTED TO ASK A QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNSEL TO CLARIFY. WHILE I  
14 HAVE BEEN-- AND AM-- CONTINUING TO BE SUPPORTIVE OF OUR  
15 CLEANUP AT PORTER RANCH, I JUST HAD A QUESTION REGARDING THE  
16 AMOUNT OF FUNDING AND HOW THIS CONTRACT, AND WHAT THE STATUS  
17 OF THIS CONTRACT WAS, WHY THIS HAPPENED. TYPICALLY THERE'S A  
18 CERTAIN AMOUNT THAT HAS TO BE APPROVED BY THE BOARD. SO I JUST  
19 WANT TO UNDERSTAND THAT.

20

21 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** YES, MADAME CHAIR. MY UNDERSTANDING IS  
22 WE DID A LITTLE RESEARCH INTO THIS. THAT THESE ARE STANDING  
23 CONTRACTS THAT HAVE BEEN IN EXISTENCE FOR A WHILE. AND THEY'RE  
24 CONTRACTS THAT THE COUNTY CAN GO TO UTILIZE TO PROVIDE THE  
25 SERVICES LIKE THE SERVICES THAT ARE BEING CONTEMPLATED HERE.



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1 THIS CONTRACT IN PARTICULAR IS SET TO EXPIRE, I THINK, JUNE  
2 17TH..

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4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** IT'S AN ONGOING CONTRACT THAT EXISTED  
5 PRIOR TO PORTER RANCH?

6

7 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** YES.

8

9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** IT'S AVAILABLE FOR EMERGENCIES?

10

11 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** YES.

12

13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SO IN THIS CASE, THIS IS FOR  
14 CONSULTATION, THOUGH, NOT FOR DIRECT CLEANUP, RIGHT?

15

16 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** CORRECT. IT'S REVIEW MONITORING OF THE  
17 CLEANUP.

18

19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SO WOULD THIS FUNDING ALSO, THEN, BE  
20 AVAILABLE FOR EXIDE? WHAT WE'RE DOING THERE? ARE WE DRAWING ON  
21 THIS FUND FOR THAT?

22

23 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** WE COULD LOOK INTO THAT, SUPERVISOR.

24



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1    **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I'M REALLY INTERESTED IN THAT. REALLY  
2    WHERE I'M TRYING TO UNDERSTAND.

3

4    **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** FOR MONITORING.

5

6    **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** BECAUSE WE'RE HAVING A TOUGH TIME NOW  
7    WITH D.T.S.C., AS YOU KNOW VERY WELL. AND WE DO HAVE TO HAVE A  
8    TIGHT, I THINK, SYSTEM TO OVERSEE WHAT THEY'RE DOING. BECAUSE  
9    WE ARE GETTING A LOT OF COMPLAINTS.

10

11   **SUP ANTONOVICH:** BECAUSE THEY WANT THE GAS COMPANY TO REIMBURSE  
12   US FOR IT.

13

14   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THAT'S REALLY WHAT I WANT TO KNOW, AS  
15   WELL. AND WITH EXIDE OBVIOUSLY THERE'S SOMETHING. THERE'S A  
16   FUND THAT THE STATE HAS PUT IN. I HOPE WE CAN TAP INTO THAT  
17   AND GO TO EXIDE, AS WELL, OR OTHER RESPONSIBLE PARTIES. SO  
18   THAT WAS MY QUESTION. SO WE COULD BE ABLE TO UTILIZE THIS, AS  
19   WELL.

20

21   **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** YES.

22

23   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THAT'S WHAT I WANTED TO ASK. AND WE  
24   DO HAVE SPEAKERS ON THIS BECAUSE I HELD THE ITEM. THANK YOU.  
25   AND I WANT TO THANK OUR PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND CYNTHIA



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1 HARDING IN PARTICULAR FOR ALL THE THINGS THAT YOU'VE DONE.  
2 BECAUSE YOU REALLY SET A PRECEDENT FOR US. AND I REALLY  
3 APPRECIATE YOUR WORK WITH OUR STAFF, THE COUNTY AND ALL THE  
4 COOPERATION WITH THE OTHER OFFICES ON MOVING THIS FORWARD ON  
5 PORTER RANCH BUT ALSO WITH EXIDE.

6

7 **CYNTHIA HARDING:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR.

8

9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** AND--

10

11 **CYNTHIA HARDING:** WE ARE TOTALLY COMMITTED TO THESE ISSUES. AND  
12 WE'LL PUT ALL OF THE RESOURCES NECESSARY AND ALL OF THE  
13 COMMUNITIES WHERE WE NEED TO HAVE A PRESENCE.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE:** AND AS IT RELATES TO EXIDE, TOO, TO MAKE SURE  
16 MAYBE THERE'S AN OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE THIS AVAILABLE FOR  
17 KEMETCO ISSUES.

18

19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I WOULD THINK SO. THANK YOU. OKAY. WE  
20 HAVE SOME SPEAKERS. SHELIAH WARD. DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL AND  
21 ARNOLD SACHS.

22

23 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS.  
24 WHAT'S FASCINATING HERE AND YOU MENTION THIS IN THIS  
25 DISCUSSION, BUT THE COUNTY-- A COUPLE OF THINGS, PORTER RANCH.



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1 THE COUNTY IS FUNDING IT. BUT SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS IS ALSO  
2 PAYING FOR PART OF THE CLEANUP. AND SOMEBODY MENTIONED USING  
3 THIS FOR EXIDE WHERE THE STATE IS PAYING FOR THE CLEANUP OR  
4 ALLOCATING FUNDING FOR THE CLEANUP. BUT EXIDE ISN'T GOING TO  
5 REIMBURSE ANYBODY. THEY HOPE TO REIMBURSE THE STATE. THE STATE  
6 HOPES TO GET REIMBURSEMENT SO THERE IS SOME DIFFERENCES THERE.  
7 AND THE FACT THAT THIS SHOULD EVEN BE HERE AGAIN IS SO  
8 OUTRAGEOUS, THE MONEY THAT'S INVOLVED. THESE PEOPLE AT PORTER  
9 RANCH, HAVING THE RESOURCES TO FUND A COMPLAINT WHILE THE  
10 PEOPLE IN EXIDE LAND LIVE FOR 30 YEARS WITH THAT PROBLEM  
11 WITHOUT ANY KIND OF REPRESENTATION AT ALL FROM ANY ELECTED  
12 OFFICIALS. OOPS. FORGOT ABOUT THAT. 2-MILE LONG STORAGE  
13 FACILITY HOLDING 85 BILLION CUBIC SQUARE-- CUBIC FEET OF  
14 NATURAL GAS AND NOT ONE ELECTED OFFICIAL ACTUALLY KNEW ABOUT  
15 IT. THE SECOND LARGEST FACILITY WEST OF THE MISSISSIPPI AND  
16 NOT ONE ELECTED OFFICIAL KNEW ABOUT IT. SO ONLY 10,000 HOMES  
17 GOT BUILT. AND NOW YOU'RE GOING TO CHASE AFTER YOUR TAIL  
18 TRIPPING OVER YOURSELVES TRYING TO RECTIFY THE SITUATION. DO  
19 WE HAVE ANYBODY COMING BEFOREHAND FROM A.Q.M.D. TO DISCUSS WHY  
20 THEY MISSED THAT BY A MILE? I MEAN, YOU WOULD HOPE THAT THERE  
21 WOULD BE A REGULATORY COMMISSION THAT WOULD LOOK INTO IT.

22

23 **SHELIAH WARD:** GREETINGS IN THE SPIRIT OF THE MOST HIGH.  
24 SHELIAH WARD. PORTER RANCH. THAT'S HORRIBLE. AND IN THE BLACK  
25 COMMUNITY, WE DISCUSS IT. AND IT'S UNFORTUNATE WHAT HAPPENED





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1 TO THOSE PEOPLE. BUT IT ONLY MEANS THAT THERE'S NO SUCH THING  
2 AS PREJUDICE WHEN IT COMES DOWN TO THIS KIND OF ENERGY. IT  
3 ONLY MEANS IGNORANCE. THIS IS THE FUTURE. WE HAVE A THING  
4 CALLED SOLAR ENERGY. SOLAR ENERGY DOES NOT BLOW UP. YOU PUT IT  
5 ON TOP OF YOUR HOUSE. YOU CAN PUT IT ANYWHERE. AND IT WILL  
6 GIVE YOU ENERGY TO LIGHT YOUR ELECTRICAL STOVE WHERE YOU DON'T  
7 HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT SOMETHING BLOWING UP. WHY IN THE FUTURE IS  
8 THIS THE FUTURE AND WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE INTELLIGENT PEOPLE  
9 THAT WE'RE CREATING SOMETHING THAT IS BIOLOGICALLY INSANE? WE  
10 KNOW THAT GAS BLOWS UP. IT'S A WONDER THAT GAS HASN'T BLOWN UP  
11 BEFORE NOW. WE'VE HAD GAS A LONG TIME. WE'VE LEARNED HOW TO  
12 USE IT. BUT NOW IF WE'RE IN THE FUTURE, IF WE'RE STILL GOING  
13 TO TAMPER WITH THINGS THAT BLOW UP, WHY DO I HAVE MY HOUSE  
14 NEXT TO A PLACE THAT'S BEING EXPERIMENTED ON LIKE WHICH IS  
15 SOMETHING YOU CALL GAS THAT EVERYBODY KNOWS IS SOMETHING THE  
16 SMELL THAT'S INVISIBLE. THOSE PEOPLE'S HOMES SHOULDN'T HAVE  
17 NEVER BEEN BUILT THAT CLOSE. THEY SHOULD HAVE BEEN LIVING ON  
18 THE OTHER SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN, GOT IN THEIR CARS, TRAVELED ON  
19 THE OTHER SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN TO WORK, TO DEAL WITH THIS  
20 ENERGY WE CALL GAS. MY PRAYER IS THAT IN THE FUTURE, WE  
21 ELIMINATE THINGS CALLED GAS AND THAT WE COME UP WITH SOMETHING  
22 THAT WE DID COME UP WITH CALLED ELECTRICAL ENERGY THAT IS  
23 EXTREMELY SAFE FOR EVERYTHING AND EVERYONE. AND IT DOESN'T  
24 HAVE POLLUTION.

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1    **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** RUTH SARNOFF?

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3    **RUTH SARNOFF:** HI. WE'D LIKE YOU ONCE AGAIN TO CONNECT THE DOTS  
4    BETWEEN EXIDE AND PORTER RANCH AND BANNING RANCH PROJECT IN  
5    ORANGE COUNTY. IF C.E.Q.A. AND THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL  
6    QUALITY ACT WAS ACTUALLY PUT INTO EFFECT AND USED TO MAKE SURE  
7    THAT LAND THAT IS BEING DEVELOPED ON IS SUITABLE FOR PEOPLE  
8    AND ANIMALS AND PLANTS AND OTHER LIVING THINGS TO BE ON. THERE  
9    ARE PROXIMITY TO EARTHQUAKE FAULTS. THERE ARE RELATIONSHIP TO  
10   MANY, MANY THINGS. AND THE COMPENSATION FOR THE VICTIMS FOR  
11   THE LOSS OVER DECADES IN EXIDE AND IN THE PORTER RANCH AREA IS  
12   CONSIDERATION THAT REALLY NEEDS TO BE LOOKED AT. BECAUSE THERE  
13   ARE VICTIMS IN THIS. AND THE HEALTH AND THE FUTURE BOTH FROM A  
14   STANDPOINT OF THE FUTURE AND WHAT HAS HAPPENED IN THE PAST TO  
15   THESE FAMILIES AND TO THEIR CHILDREN AND TO THEIR PREGNANCIES  
16   AND ALL THAT. AND AS LONG AS THE INDUSTRIES AND THE DEVELOPERS  
17   AND THESE PEOPLE WRITE THE PROPOSALS AND YOU GET A CHANCE TO  
18   MAKE LITTLE THINGS ON THE MARGINS, THE THING WILL KEEP  
19   HAPPENING. THEY'RE POWERFUL. THEY RUN THE BANKS. THEY RUN THE  
20   BIG DEVELOPMENTS. THEY DON'T CARE. THEY DON'T LIVE THERE. THEY  
21   ARE NOT GOING TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR MOST OF THAT PROPERTY. AND  
22   THEY PUT IT UNDER L, BUT THEY CALL L.L.C.S, LOW LIMITED  
23   RESPONSIBILITY ORGANIZATIONS, FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS. SO  
24   MULTIPLE IN NAMES NOBODY CAN EVEN FOLLOW THEM. I SPOKE IN HERE



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1 BEFORE ABOUT THE PROJECTS HERE. 29 SITES. SKYSCRAPERS GOING UP  
2 IN THE MIDDLE OF AN EARTHQUAKE-PRONE DROUGHT-STRICKEN COUNTY.

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4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. TIME EXPIRED. THIS ITEM IS  
5 BEFORE US. MOVE IT?

6

7 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** MOVE,

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9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YEAH. ABSOLUTELY. WITHOUT OBJECTION.  
10 RECEIVE AND FILE. AND LASTLY ON MY END, I HAVE A-7. THIS IS  
11 REQUESTING A FIVE-SIGNATURE LETTER. NO OPPOSITION? IT'S  
12 ACTUALLY SUPPORTING A BILL BY ASSEMBLYWOMAN CRISTINA GARCIA  
13 WHO WOULD TAG A FEE TO LEAD-ACID BATTERY RECOVERY AND RECYCLE  
14 ACT WHICH WOULD HELP US WITH EXIDE AND KEMETCO. AND THIS IS A  
15 LETTER OF SUPPORT TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL-- TO THE SENATE  
16 ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE AND THE SENATE JUDICIARY  
17 COMMITTEE AND THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, IF THERE IS NO  
18 OBJECTION. MOVED. SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION. THANK YOU. WE  
19 HAVE COMMENT? WAS IT HELD? I'M SORRY. IT WAS HELD. LET'S GO.  
20 MISS WARD AND SACHS. SINCE WE'VE HEARD A LOT, WE'LL ALLOW 30  
21 SECONDS FOR BOTH BECAUSE YOU HAVE SPOKEN ON IT. IF THAT'S  
22 OKAY?

23

24 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YOU KNOW, TWO DIFFERENT ITEMS, MR. KNABE. FOR 30  
25 YEARS YOU DIDN'T DO ANYTHING. AND NOW ALL OF A SUDDEN YOU'RE



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1 WORRIED ABOUT SOMEBODY SPEAKING ABOUT THE FACT THAT YOU DIDN'T  
2 DO ANYTHING. TIME'S EXPIRED.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE:** THAT'S IT.

5

6 **ARNOLD SACHS:** WHY DON'T YOU TELL US WHAT YOU KNEW, WHAT YOU  
7 DID, WHAT YOU STEPPED UP TO FOR ALL THE TIME? BY THE WAY, ALL  
8 THE TIME THAT EXIDE WAS IN OPERATION. HOW MANY TRIPS YOU MADE  
9 TO THE STATE LEGISLATION TO TALK ABOUT THAT OR TO WASHINGTON,  
10 D.C. TO TALK ABOUT THAT WITH THE E.P.A. WHY DON'T YOU GIVE US  
11 A RUNDOWN ON THAT. AND BY THE WAY, ALLOWING THAT COMPANY TO  
12 OPERATE FOR 30 YEARS, IT WOULD REALLY BE INTERESTING TO FIND  
13 OUT WHO OWNS THAT COMPANY. HOW THEY GOT AWAY WITH WHAT THEY  
14 GOT AWAY WITH. I WONDER WHAT POLITICAL MEMBERS ARE PART OF  
15 THAT OWNERSHIP GROUP.

16

17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MISS WARD.

18

19 **SHELIAH WARD:** GREETINGS IN THE SPIRIT OF THE MOST HIGH. EXIDE  
20 TECHNOLOGIES. EXIDE TECHNOLOGIES IS THE TECHNOLOGY OF THE  
21 WORLD'S LARGEST PRODUCERS AND DISTRIBUTORS OF BATTERIES, WHICH  
22 IS HOME DEPOT. EXIDE BATTERIES RECYCLING PLANTS IN VERNON  
23 APPARENTLY SPREAD TOXIC LEAD DUST THROUGH A LARGE AREA THAT  
24 HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN BELIEVED PERHAPS CONTAMINATING AS MANY AS



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1 10,000 HOMES. COMMUNITY ACTIVISTS AND RESIDENTS HAVE LONG  
2 SUSPECTED THE POLLUTION.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. SO MOVED AND SECONDED. IF THERE  
5 IS NO OBJECTION, SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-  
6 THOMAS HAS A-6, HOMELESS. ISSUE. ITEM A-6.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAME CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. IN  
9 PURSUIT OF OUR STATED PRIORITY TO WORK IN EVERY WAY WE CAN ON  
10 THE MATTER OF HOMELESSNESS, AS IT HAS BEEN MADE ABUNDANTLY  
11 CLEAR BY MY RESPECTIVE CONSTITUENCIES, THAT IT IS A TOP TIER  
12 COMPELLING ISSUE THAT WARRANTS OUR CONSTANT WORK. WE SPENT  
13 TIME ADVOCATING FOR THE BOARD'S STATED INSTRUCTIONS IN THE  
14 CONTEXT OF SACRAMENTO, MEETING WITH THE GOVERNOR, SENATE,  
15 PRESIDENT PRO TEM AND SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY, LEARNING A LOT,  
16 MOVING THAT AGENDA FORWARD AS EFFECTIVELY AS WE CAN. WE THANK  
17 THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD FOR THEIR INTERVENTIONS IN HELPING  
18 THAT WAY. I BRING BEFORE YOU TODAY A MOTION THAT SEEKS TO  
19 DECLARE HOMELESSNESS TO BE A STATEWIDE HUMANITARIAN CRISIS. I  
20 READ IT FOR THE BENEFIT OF THOSE WHO REQUIRE FURTHER  
21 EDIFICATION. I BELIEVE THAT THIS IS NOTHING SHORT OF URGENT.  
22 LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS FACING A PERVASIVE AND DEEPENING  
23 HOMELESS CRISIS THAT CURRENTLY ENDANGERS THE HEALTH AND SAFETY  
24 OF TENS AND THOUSANDS OF RESIDENTS, INCLUDING VETERANS, WOMEN  
25 CHILDREN, L.G.B.T. YOUTH. PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AND



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1 SENIORS. THE TREMENDOUS SCALE OF HOMELESSNESS IN THE COUNTY OF  
2 LOS ANGELES THREATENS THE ECONOMIC STABILITY OF THE REGION,  
3 BURDENING EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AND THE SOCIAL SERVICES  
4 INFRASTRUCTURE ITSELF. IT'S WORTH US BEING REMINDED OF THE  
5 FACT THAT ACCORDING TO THE 2016 HOMELESS COUNT RELEASED BY THE  
6 LOS ANGELES HOMELESS SERVICES AUTHORITY THE NUMBER OF HOMELESS  
7 PERSONS ON ANY GIVEN NIGHT IS 47,000, APPROXIMATELY. I'M  
8 PREPARED TO SAY WE HAVE 47,000 REASONS TO ACT WITH URGENCY,  
9 INCLUDING OVER 6,000 PARENTS AND THEIR CHILDREN. OVER 4,000 OF  
10 THE HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS ARE VETERANS. NEARLY TWO-THIRDS OF  
11 THE HOMELESS PERSONS LIVE IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. SINCE  
12 2013, THE NUMBER OF HOMELESS WOMEN HAS RISEN 55 PERCENT  
13 ACCORDING TO THE COUNT. THE NUMBER OF HOMELESS PERSONS LIVING  
14 IN ENCAMPMENTS, TENTS, AND VEHICLES INCREASED BY A STAGGERING  
15 123 PERCENT FROM 2013 TO 2016. FURTHERMORE, ACCORDING TO THE  
16 ECONOMIC ROUNDTABLE, APPROXIMATELY 13,000 PEOPLE ON PUBLIC  
17 ASSISTANCE BECOME HOMELESS EVERY MONTH IN THE COUNTY OF LOS  
18 ANGELES. HOMELESSNESS IS ALSO INCREASING IN THE SUBURBS. SAN  
19 FERNANDO VALLEY'S HOMELESS POPULATION GREW ABOUT 35 PERCENT  
20 FROM 2015 TO 2016. THE SOUTH BAY HOMELESSNESS INCREASED BY 10  
21 PERCENT DURING THAT SAME PERIOD. STATEWIDE NUMBERS ARE  
22 SIMILARLY ALARMING. IN 2015, 115,738 HOMELESS PERSONS IN  
23 CALIFORNIA ACCOUNTED FOR SOME 21 PERCENT OF THE NATION'S  
24 HOMELESS POPULATION. 2015, AMONG ALL STATES, CALIFORNIA HAD  
25 THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF HOMELESS PEOPLE COUNTED IN





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1 UNSHELTERED LOCATIONS. MANY HOMELESS PEOPLE ARE FACING SEVERE  
2 THREATS TO THE HEALTH AND SAFETY ON A DAILY BASIS. RECENT  
3 RESEARCH HAS DEMONSTRATED THAT HOMELESS PERSONS ARE 3 TO 4  
4 TIMES MORE LIKELY TO DIE THAN MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL  
5 POPULATION. STUDIES INDICATED THAT PREMATURE DEATH MOST OFTEN  
6 RESULTS FROM ACUTE AND CHRONIC MEDICAL CONDITIONS AGGRAVATED  
7 BY BEING HOMELESS. IF AN EARTHQUAKE OR FLOOD SUDDENLY LEFT  
8 TENS OF THOUSANDS OF INDIVIDUALS HOMELESS, THE COUNTY AND  
9 STATE WOULD NOT HESITATE TO ACT SWIFTLY AND DECISIVELY.  
10 ALTHOUGH THE CAUSES MAY BE DIFFERENT, THE IMPACT IS THE SAME.  
11 THE INCREASING NUMBER OF DISPLACED HOMELESS PERSONS AND THE  
12 DEARTH OF ONGOING RESOURCES TO QUICKLY REHOUSE ALL HOMELESS  
13 INDIVIDUALS AND WARRANT THAT NECESSITATES THAT THE COUNTY  
14 RECLAIM THE EXISTENCE, PROCLAIM THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL  
15 EMERGENCY. I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SEND  
16 A FIVE-SIGNATURE LETTER TO THE CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY AND  
17 CALIFORNIA SENATE ASKING THEM TO PASS A RESOLUTION URGING THE  
18 GOVERNOR TO DECLARE A STATE OF EMERGENCY IN CALIFORNIA DUE TO  
19 THE INCREASED NUMBER OF HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS THROUGHOUT THE  
20 STATE. I URGE THAT THE STATE EMERGENCY INCLUDE ACCESS TO AS  
21 MUCH AS \$5 MILLION FROM THE SPECIAL FUND FOR ECONOMIC  
22 UNCERTAINTIES TO IMPLEMENT STATEWIDE REHOUSING EFFORTS,  
23 INCLUDING STREET ENGAGEMENT, SERVICE TRIAGE. CRISIS HOUSING.  
24 PERMANENT HOUSING. NAVIGATION RENTAL SUBSIDIES. CASE  
25 MANAGEMENT AND OTHER APPROPRIATE AND ESSENTIAL SERVICES. AND



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1 THE OTHER RESOURCES ONCE THE STATE OF EMERGENCY IS DECLARED. I  
2 ALSO URGE IMMEDIATE ACTIONS TO DEPLOY STATE AGENCIES AND  
3 PERSONNEL TO HELP PROVIDE EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO HOMELESS  
4 CAMP HOT SPOTS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND OTHER HEAVILY  
5 AFFECTED AREAS AND TO SET UP EMERGENCY COMMAND POSTS AND  
6 TRIAGE SITES FOR COORDINATION OF HOMELESS SERVICE DELIVERY.  
7 ADDITIONALLY, WE SHOULD ASSEMBLE A STATE PUBLIC PRIVATE SECTOR  
8 RED TEAM TO DEVELOP SHORT-TERM AND LONG TERM PLAN TO COMBAT  
9 HOMELESSNESS, AND FINALLY A COMMITMENT TO IDENTIFY AND DEVELOP  
10 ONGOING STREAMS OF FUNDING FOR LOCALITIES SO THAT THEY CAN  
11 SUSTAIN SUCCESSFUL EFFORTS TO COMBAT HOMELESSNESS. I ASK THAT  
12 WE ADOPT THIS TODAY, MADAME CHAIR, AND SO WOULD SUBMIT FOR THE  
13 BOARD'S CONSIDERATION.

14

15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** AND SECONDED. WE DO HAVE SOME  
16 SPEAKERS, TOO. SHELIAH WARD. AND ARNOLD SACHS.

17

18 **SHELIAH:** GREETINGS IN THE SPIRIT OF THE MOST HIGH. SHELIAH  
19 WARD. 47,000 PEOPLE HOMELESS IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES IS  
20 APPALLING IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WHEN WE SEND MONEY  
21 TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES TO HELP PEOPLE THAT NEVER GAVE US  
22 ANYTHING AT ALL, THAT ARE COMING HERE TO BE AN IMMIGRANT. SO  
23 THAT WHEN THEY COME TO THIS COUNTRY AS AN IMMIGRANT, WHY ARE  
24 WE GIVING \$2,200 PER PERSON, \$500 FOOD STAMPS AND WHY ARE WE  
25 GIVING GRANTS TO PEOPLE WHO ARE FOREIGNERS TO GO INTO PROPERTY



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1 AND BUY A HOUSE AND GO INTO BUSINESS WHEN WE HAVE PEOPLE,  
2 47,000? THAT'S A STANDING ARMY. THAT WAS MY NIGHTMARE. I DON'T  
3 WANT TO LIVE IN THAT KIND OF WORLD WHERE PEOPLE JUST WAKE UP  
4 AND ALL OF A SUDDEN THE WORLD IS JUST BURNING DOWN BECAUSE  
5 THEY DON'T NEED NOTHING BUT A MATCH. GET A GRIP. WHAT DO YOU  
6 THINK YOU PEOPLE ARE DOING? THIS IS APPALLING. WHAT WOULD AN  
7 ANIMAL WOULD DO IF THEY CAN'T FIND FOOD, THEY COME AFTER YOU.  
8 WHY DO YOU THINK ARE YOU FINDING ANIMALS UP IN THE MOUNTAINS  
9 COMING DOWN UPON THE PEOPLE? BECAUSE YOU INVADED THEIR LAND.  
10 PLEASE GET A GRIP AND REHABILITATION FROM JAILS AND FOSTER  
11 CARE AND GIVE PEOPLE A FACE-LIFT SO WE DON'T HAVE A STANDING  
12 ARMY.

13

14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

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16 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS.  
17 AND THE NERVE TO EQUATE A NATURAL DISASTER AND HOMELESSNESS IN  
18 THE SAME SENTENCE. THE IMPACT IS NOT THE SAME. YOU COULD LOOK  
19 AT YOUR OWN AGENDIZED ITEM WHERE YOU HAVE THE PORTER RANCH  
20 CAUSED BY A DISASTER VERSUS EXIDE WHERE YOU'VE SAT AROUND AND  
21 DONE ABSOLUTELY NOTHING. WHY DON'T YOU DISCUSS REDIRECTING THE  
22 \$1 BILLION YOU'VE SPENT ON THE HOMELESS PROGRAMS THAT YOU HAVE  
23 GOING FOR THE COUNTY. YOU MENTIONED THAT \$1 BILLION. THERE'S  
24 SO MUCH HERE TO GO ON THAT ALL OF A SUDDEN YOU WERE AWAKENING  
25 TO THIS HOMELESS SITUATION AGAIN, GOES BACK TO 2003 WHEN THE



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1 EX MAYOR OF L.A. WANTED A PLAN TO SPEND \$1.2 BILLION TO COMBAT  
2 HOMELESSNESS. IT'S ABSOLUTELY OUTRAGEOUS FOR YOU TO EVEN SIT  
3 THERE.

4

5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THIS ITEM HAS BEEN MOVED AND  
6 SECONDED.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MOVED. SECONDED BY-- I'M SORRY.

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10 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** I'M GOING TO TALK ON IT. THE MOTION  
11 SHOULD ALSO INCLUDE THE NECESSITY OF LENGTHENING LAURA'S LAW,  
12 TREATMENT OF THE MENTALLY ILL, AND THE MANDATORY ALCOHOL AND  
13 DRUG REHABILITATION PROGRAMS. SO WE CAN TREAT ALL OF THOSE.  
14 THOSE WHO ARE ECONOMICALLY DEPRESSED CAN BE ASSISTED WITH  
15 THESE PROGRAMS. BUT THOSE WHO HAVE MENTAL OR LET'S SAY DRUG OR  
16 ALCOHOL ABUSE PROBLEMS THAT NEED REHABILITATION, NEED  
17 TREATMENT AND THE TREATMENT HAS TO BE PART OF THEIR RECOVERY  
18 TO GET BACK INTO A NORMAL LIFESTYLE.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THE STATE OF  
21 EMERGENCY CALLS ON THE SERVICES OF THE HEALTH AGENCY AT THE  
22 STATE LEVEL, MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES THAT ARE ATTENDED TO  
23 THAT. SO IT WOULD BE MY POINT PURSUANT IN MY OWN COLLECTIVE  
24 SENSE THAT MENTAL HEALTH IS FUNDAMENTALLY IMPORTANT TO OUR  
25 ADVOCACY AND THE WORK THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE. SO SUPERVISOR



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1 ANTONOVICH, YOU CAN BE ABSOLUTELY ASSURED THAT WHEN WE TALK  
2 ABOUT THE WRAP-AROUND SERVICES AND THE LIKE, THAT WOULD BE SO  
3 FUNDAMENTALLY NECESSARY HERE, THAT THE CONCERNS THAT YOU RAISE  
4 WILL BE ADDRESSED APPROPRIATELY AND ACCORDINGLY.

5

6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** BEFORE WE ACTUALLY CLOSE ON THIS  
7 ITEM, WE DID HAVE ONE MORE SPEAKER, RUTH SARNOFF JUST SIGNED  
8 UP. SO WE'LL HAVE RUTH SARNOFF. ONE MINUTE.

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10 **RUTH SARNOFF:** I WANT TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK YOU,  
11 MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, FOR WHAT I THOUGHT WAS A VERY WONDERFUL  
12 PUTTING TOGETHER OF A LOT OF INFORMATION THAT PEOPLE IN THE  
13 PUBLIC REALLY NEED TO KNOW. I WISH MORE OF THIS KIND OF  
14 INFORMATION WOULD BE WRITTEN UP IN THE AGENDA PROGRAM BECAUSE  
15 IT'S REALLY HARD TO IDENTIFY UNLESS THAT'S ALL YOU DO AND YOUR  
16 LIFE IS LIVE ON THE COMPUTER AND TRY TO FIGURE OUT WHAT AGENDA  
17 ITEMS ARE WHAT. AND I DON'T HAVE THAT TIME IN MY LIFE RIGHT  
18 NOW. AND I REALLY-- THERE'S 56 MILLION RAINY DAY RESERVE THAT  
19 WAS PUT OVER FROM THIS YEAR'S BUDGET INTO NEXT YEAR'S. I THINK  
20 YOU OUGHT TO EXPLORE TAKING PART OF THAT \$56 MILLION--

21

22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I APPRECIATE THE ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

23

24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THIS ITEM IS BEFORE US.

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1   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I APPRECIATE THE ACKNOWLEDGMENT. MAY I  
2   ALSO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT THE MOTION IS CO-AUTHORED AND THERE  
3   WAS INPUT FOR MORE THAN ONE OFFICE, SPECIFICALLY THE OFFICE OF  
4   SUPERVISOR SHEILA KUEHL. SO I WANT IT TO BE APPRECIATED THIS  
5   IS A SHARED EFFORT. THANK YOU.

6

7   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THIS ITEM'S BEEN MOVED AND SECONDED.  
8   WITHOUT OBJECTION, SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER.

9

10   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU.

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12   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NOW WE HAVE ITEM 51, KUEHL?

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14   **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. VERY QUICKLY. I  
15   STRONGLY SUPPORT THIS BOARD LETTER AND WANTED TO ASK JUST TWO  
16   QUESTIONS BECAUSE THE WHOLE DRUG MEDI-CAL PROGRAM, IT'S KIND  
17   OF NEW TO US. IT'S NOT ABSOLUTELY SECURE YET. THIS IS I THINK  
18   A PREPARATION BY THE DEPARTMENT TO BE READY. BECAUSE I'M  
19   PRETTY SURE WE WILL BE ABLE TO ACCESS THE PROGRAM. SO I WANTED  
20   TO ASK JUST TWO THINGS. IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE IN ADDITION TO  
21   SIMPLY SAYING YES TO THIS LETTER THAT THE BOARD COULD DO TO  
22   HELP THE AGENCY ENSURE SPEEDY IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW DRUG  
23   MEDI-CAL SYSTEM?

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1   **CYNTHIA HARDING:** WELL FIRST OF ALL CYNTHIA HARDING, INTERIM  
2   DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH AGAIN. THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS. THANK  
3   YOU, SUPERVISOR, FOR THAT QUESTION. I REALLY APPRECIATE IT. I  
4   THINK FIRST OF ALL, APPROVING THIS BOARD LETTER MOVING FORWARD  
5   IS A HUGE STEP IN GIVING US THE DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO BRING  
6   IN THE MEDI-CAL WAIVER WHEN WE GET THAT FROM THE STATE AND TO  
7   BEGIN IMPLEMENTATION. IT ALLOWS US TO GET THE POSITION'S  
8   ORDINANCE THAT WE NEED TO DO THIS WORK. WE HOPE WE CAN GET THE  
9   COOPERATION FROM THE C.E.O. AND OTHERS TO HELP US GET THOSE  
10   ITEMS FILLED AS EXPEDITIOUSLY AS POSSIBLE. IF THERE ARE OTHER  
11   THINGS WHERE WE NEED BOARD AUTHORITY OR APPROVAL, WE WILL  
12   BRING THEM TO YOU AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE TO ENSURE THAT WE CAN  
13   IMPLEMENT THIS IMPORTANT WAIVER AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

14

15   **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** I THINK THE BOARD RECOGNIZES HOW IMPORTANT  
16   THIS NEW PROGRAM IS GOING TO BE AND HOW WE WILL BE ABLE TO USE  
17   IT AND ACCESS IT. THE OTHER THING IS THAT WE'VE HEARD THERE  
18   HAVE BEEN PROBLEMS IN THE PAST AND THEY MAY BE ONGOING WITH  
19   THE STATE'S ABILITY TO LICENSE AND CERTIFY ENOUGH LOCAL  
20   PROVIDERS FOR US TO ACTUALLY USE THIS PROGRAM. SO I GUESS IS  
21   THERE ANYTHING YOU COULD THINK THAT THE COUNTY COULD DO TO  
22   HELP WITH THAT PROBLEM? I UNDERSTAND WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE  
23   STATE NOT LICENSING FAST ENOUGH. BUT ARE THERE STEPS THAT WE  
24   COULD TAKE TO INDICATE HOW IMPORTANT THIS IS TO US AND  
25   SOMETHING WE COULD DO?



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2 **CYNTHIA HARDING:** THAT'S AN EXCELLENT QUESTION AND I'M HERE  
3 WITH WES FORD WHO IS OUR DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR HEALTH PROMOTION  
4 AND SAFETY, AND I'LL ASK MR. FORD TO COMMENT. WE ARE WORKING  
5 WITH THE STATE ON THIS EXACT ISSUE, TO HELP WITH US FINANCING  
6 SOME POSITIONS IN THE STATE, ACTUALLY, TO BE ABLE TO INCREASE  
7 THEIR ABILITY TO CERTIFY MORE MEDI-CAL PROVIDERS IN OUR  
8 COMMUNITY AND PROVIDE GREATER OVERSIGHT SO WE DON'T GET  
9 OURSELVES IN THE PROBLEM THAT WE HAD A FEW YEARS BACK. IF YOU  
10 WANT TO COMMENT A LITTLE BIT ON THAT?

11

12 **WES FORD:** YEAH. AGAIN I'D LIKE TO THANK YOU AND THE OTHER  
13 SUPERVISORS FOR THE GREAT SUPPORT THAT YOU'VE SHOWN FOR THE  
14 S.D.M. OR THE D.M.C. WAIVER BECAUSE IT WILL BRING A LOT OF  
15 SERVICES INTO THE COUNTY THAT ARE VERY MUCH NEEDED AND IT WILL  
16 ALSO PROVIDE US AN ABILITY TO PROVIDE AN ACTUAL CONTINUUM OF  
17 CARE AND TREAT SUBSTANCE ABUSE AS A CHRONIC CONDITION RATHER  
18 THAN EPISODICALLY, SO I REALLY APPRECIATE IT. SO WE HAVE BEEN  
19 WORKING WITH THE STATE AS MS. HARDING SAID, TO FUND A COUPLE  
20 ITEMS AT THE STATE LEVEL THAT WOULD FOCUS SPECIFICALLY ON L.A.  
21 TO DO THE CERTIFICATION AND LICENSING OF FACILITIES BECAUSE UP  
22 TO THIS POINT WE HAVEN'T HAD TO LICENSE RESIDENTIAL  
23 FACILITIES. SO IT'S GOING TO BE A MAMMOTH UNDERTAKING. SO  
24 WE'RE LOOKING AT THAT, AND ACTUALLY WE'LL HAVING A  
25 CONVERSATION WITH THE STATE ON WEDNESDAY. WE'RE PRETTY MUCH IN



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1 AGREEMENT. WE'RE JUST FIGURING OUT THE METHODOLOGY BY WHICH  
2 WE'D TRANSFER THE FUNDS TO THE STATE TO PERFORM THAT FUNCTION  
3 FOR US.

4

5 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** WE'VE ACTUALLY DONE THAT IN THE PAST,  
6 RIGHT? WITH OTHER KINDS? BECAUSE LICENSING HAS ALWAYS BEEN  
7 SLOW. AND I GUESS OUR ONLY OPTION WAS TO FUND MORE PEOPLE TO  
8 HELP WITH THE LICENSING. AND I GUESS THAT'S WHAT WE'RE  
9 POTENTIALLY LOOKING AT HERE. I THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. I  
10 SIMPLY WANTED US TO BE KIND OF ON THE RECORD ABOUT HOW  
11 IMPORTANT THIS PROGRAM IS AND THE FACT THAT WE MAY NEED TO DO  
12 SOME THINGS BECAUSE AS MISS HARDING SAID, IT'S GOING TO BE  
13 MASSIVE IN THE COUNTY. AND WE HAVE TO REALLY RAMP UP. SO THANK  
14 YOU VERY MUCH.

15

16 **CYNTHIA HARDING:** THANK YOU.

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18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THIS ITEM THERE'S A PUBLIC COMMENT  
19 SPEAKER ON THIS ITEM. ARNOLD SACHS ON THIS.

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21 **ARNOLD SACHS:** REAL QUICKLY ARNOLD SACHS. THE REASON WHY I  
22 CALLED THIS-- HELD THIS ITEM BECAUSE THERE WAS-- LIKE PLAYING  
23 TENNIS, THERE WAS AN ITEM I THINK IT WAS LAST YEAR WHERE WE  
24 WERE HIRING SOME SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES WITH RE-ALIGNMENT FUNDS  
25 AND YOU WERE GOING TO HIRE WORKERS FOR PUBLIC HEALTH BUT YOU



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1 DIDN'T HAVE THE FUNDING FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH WORKERS. AS A  
2 MATTER OF FACT, YOU BIFURCATED THE ITEM AND THEN YOU CONTINUED  
3 THE HIRING PART OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH WORKERS. SO I'M  
4 WONDERING, IS THIS A BRING BACK? DID YOU BRING THIS BACK FROM  
5 LAST YEAR WHERE YOU FIGURED OUT THE FUNDING TO HIRE THE 49  
6 FULL PERMANENT POSITIONS? AND WILL THESE BE HIRED POSITIONS?  
7 THESE ARE FUNDED UNFILLED POSITIONS? OR THESE ARE FUNDED,  
8 FILLED POSITIONS? YOU HAVE A TENDENCY WHEN BUDGET TIME ROLLS  
9 AROUND TO ELIMINATE UNFUNDED OR FUNDED, UNFILLED POSITIONS. SO  
10 WERE YOU JUST BANKING SOME FUNDS FROM RE-ALIGNMENT?

11

12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY, MEMBERS. THIS ITEM IS BEFORE  
13 US. IT'S BEEN MOVED, SECONDED WITHOUT OBJECTION. FINALLY NOW  
14 WE'RE DOWN TO SPECIAL ITEMS AND ADJOURNMENTS AND WE START WITH  
15 SUPERVISOR KNABE.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR, I DO HAVE ONE ADJOURNMENT  
18 THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF A DEAR FRIEND PHIL DALK. PAST  
19 PRESIDENT AND DIRECTOR EMERITUS OF THE APARTMENT ASSOCIATION  
20 OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. HE PASSED AWAY RECENTLY. HE WAS A  
21 PIONEER OF THE MODERN REAL ESTATE INDUSTRY AND PROPERTY  
22 MANAGEMENT FIELD. HIS CAREER SPANNED SOME 63 YEARS, INCLUDING  
23 15 YEARS OF SERVICE AS MY LOS ANGELES COUNTY HOUSING  
24 COMMISSIONER. HE'S BEEN PRESIDENT OF THE SOUTHWEST LOS ANGELES  
25 REALTY BOARD, VICE PRESIDENT OF CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF



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1 REALTORS AND TRAILBLAZER FOR THE PROPERTY TAX REDUCTION  
2 MOVEMENT. HE HELD NUMEROUS CHAIRMANSHIPS AT THE LONG BEACH  
3 BOARD OF REALTORS. HE RETIRED IN 2010. HE WILL BE MISSED BY  
4 ALL WHO KNEW HIM. HE IS SURVIVE BY HIS WIFE BILLIE, 11  
5 CHILDREN AND 13 GRANDCHILDREN. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS,  
6 THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION. SUPERVISOR  
9 ANTONOVICH?

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11 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** FIRST I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE THAT WE  
12 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF NORMA OLIVER. SHE WAS A GRANDMOTHER OF MY  
13 DEPUTY JARROD DEGONIA, WHO PASSED AWAY THIS PAST WEEK. SHE  
14 WORKED FOR AMERICAN AIRLINES FOR MANY YEARS AND SURVIVED BY  
15 HER TWO SONS, LLOYD AND SCOTT, BROTHER JERRY HER TWO GRANDSONS  
16 JARROD AND JOSHUA. MATTHEW PENDO, SR,. LONGTIME RESIDENT OF  
17 PASADENA PASSED AWAY ON JUNE 4TH, GRADUATE OF LOYOLA  
18 UNIVERSITY. SERVED AS A CAPTAIN IN THE UNITED STATES AIR  
19 FORCE. SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE ANN AND CHILDREN, DR. ANNE MARIE,  
20 CATHY, SUSIE AND MATTHEW. MATT WAS QUITE AN ACTIVE IN THE  
21 CROATIAN COMMUNITY. HIS UNCLE WAS DR. RAGO WHO DELIVERED MOST  
22 OF THE BABIES IN CHINATOWN AND IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA, AND A  
23 WONDERFUL MAN. WONDERFUL LEADER. MICHAEL CONWAY, FORMER MAYOR  
24 OF GLENDORA, PASSED AWAY ON JUNE 1ST. GRADUATE OF CHAFFEY HIGH  
25 SCHOOL AND LONG BEACH STATE. HE WORKED 33 YEARS AS A FIELD



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1 PAROLE ADMINISTRATOR WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS UNTIL  
2 HIS RETIREMENT. HE AND HIS WIFE WERE GLENDORA CHAMBER OF  
3 COMMERCE CITIZENS OF THE YEAR IN 2007. HE SERVED ON THE  
4 GLENDORA CITY COUNCIL BETWEEN 2001 TO 2005 AS MAYOR PRO TEM  
5 AND MAYOR. INVOLVED IN MANY ORGANIZATIONS AND SAT ON THE  
6 BOARDS OF FOOTHILL TRANSIT, GOLD LINE C.O.G., LIBRARY  
7 CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE AND GLENDORA COMMUNITY COORDINATING  
8 COUNCIL AND A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE THREE VALLEY MUNICIPAL  
9 WATER DISTRICT. HE WAS ALSO A CHAFFEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE ALUMNI  
10 OF THE YEAR IN 2009. AND HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE MARSHA AND  
11 THEIR DAUGHTER KRISTA AND SON DOUGLAS. KEITH LYLE CALEY,  
12 RESIDENT OF CASTAIC, SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES MILITARY  
13 DURING THE KOREAN WAR. PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 85. HE HAD A  
14 40-YEAR CAREER IN THE PRINTING INDUSTRY AND HE'S SURVIVED BY  
15 HIS WIFE AND SON. MARIE "SIS" CUNNINGHAM JONES, LONG- TIME  
16 RESIDENT OF SAN MARINO, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 85. SHE HAD  
17 BEEN ACTIVE WITH VILLA ESPERANZA SERVICES, THE PASADENA GUILD  
18 AT CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, THE LUMINARIES, SISTER OF SOCIAL  
19 SERVICE AUXILIARY, CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY, JUNIOR LEAGUE OF  
20 PASADENA, THE HUNTINGTON GALLERY AND GARDENS AND ART CENTER  
21 100 AND PASADENA GARDEN CLUB. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND  
22 LOUIS AND THEIR FIVE CHILDREN. HOWARD KLAUSNER, LONGTIME  
23 RESIDENT OF PALMDALE. GRADUATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN  
24 CALIFORNIA. SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE. WAS AN  
25 OFFICER WITH THE BEVERLY HILLS POLICE DEPARTMENT. SURVIVED BY





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1 HIS WIFE BETTY, DAUGHTER JENNIFER AND STEPCHILDREN FRANCY,  
2 JOHNNY, KATHY, MARY, KIM, KELLY AND HIS SISTER GERALDINE AND  
3 BROTHERS MANUEL AND SHELDON. MARCELLA MARIE KIRST, LONGTIME  
4 RESIDENT OF LA CA ADA. PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 92 ON JUNE  
5 3RD. ONE OF 15 WOMEN WHO WAS CHOSEN TO GO TO THE CALIFORNIA  
6 INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, CAL TECH, IN PASADENA FOR ACCELERATED  
7 COURSES IN AERONAUTICAL ENGINEERING. SHE WORKED AT LOCKHEED,  
8 J.P.L. IN ENGINEERING, ACTIVE AT ST. BEDE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH  
9 AND THE HUNTINGTON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AND SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER  
10 THREE CHILDREN. DONALD NORES PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 86.  
11 SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE FOR TWO YEARS AS A  
12 LIEUTENANT. HIS DEGREE WAS IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION FROM THE  
13 LOYOLA MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY. LATER HE RETURNED TO FOUND THEIR  
14 ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROGRAM AND BECAME A FOUNDING DIRECTOR OF THE  
15 LOS ANGELES MASTER CHORALE, RISING TO THE TITLE OF DIRECTOR  
16 EMERITUS. HE ESTABLISHED HIS OWN BUSINESS, DIGITAL PRINTING  
17 SYSTEMS. HE VOLUNTEERED WITH ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE, LOYOLA  
18 HIGH SCHOOL, LOYOLA MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY, MAYFIELD SCHOOL, ST.  
19 ANDREWS ABBEY IN ANTELOPE VALLEY AND WAS PRESIDENT OF HOLY  
20 FAMILY ADOPTION SERVICES. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 64  
21 YEARS AND THEIR THREE CHILDREN. SISTER BUTLER LOVE, RETIRED  
22 OPERATIONS ASSISTANT 2. EXCUSE ME, SHIRLEY BUTLER-LOVE.  
23 RETIRED OPERATIONS ASSISTANT OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
24 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. SHE HAD JOINED THE DEPARTMENT IN 1970  
25 AND RETIRED FROM THE MEDICAL SERVICES BUREAU IN 2004. PAMELA



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1 THOMAS. RETIRED PUBLIC RESPONSE DISPATCHER OF THE LOS ANGELES  
2 COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. SHE ENTERED THE DEPARTMENT IN  
3 1984 AND RETIRED IN 2012. PAUL HERMAN EVANS, RESIDENT OF  
4 LANCASTER, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 90, WORLD WAR II VETERAN,  
5 RETIRED FROM SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON. WAS ACTIVE AT THE  
6 AMERICAN LEGION, VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AND THE ELKS CLUB.  
7 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 70 YEARS, MILDRED, AND HIS DAUGHTER  
8 CINDI, SON RANDY AND SIX GRANDCHILDREN AND FIVE GREAT  
9 GRANDCHILDREN. SERGEANT KENNETH MILLER OF THE LOS ANGELES  
10 COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY  
11 AND MARINE CORPS AND HE JOINED THE DEPARTMENT IN 1957,  
12 RETIRING IN 1973. AND DAVID LUCIEN LEVEQUE, LONGTIME RESIDENT  
13 OF NORTHRIDGE, WORKED FOR "CALIFORNIA BROKER" MAGAZINE AND  
14 FOUNDED DAVID LEVEQUE INSURANCE SERVICES. SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE  
15 REBECCA AND THEIR CHILDREN CHRISTOPHER, TIMOTHY AND MICHAEL.  
16 ALSO, I WANT TO ASK OUR COUNTY COUNSEL, JUST READ THESE SHORT  
17 LETTERS THAT I HAD RECEIVED. ONE WAS FROM TASHA ORTIZ. SHE WAS  
18 WRITING TO THE GAS COMPANY. MR. GEORGE SNYDER HAS TAKEN  
19 HIMSELF OFF THIS CASE AS YOU FALSELY STATED IN YOUR ILLEGAL 24  
20 HOUR NOTICE. WE DIDN'T RECEIVE THE NOTICE UNTIL 3 P.M., WHICH  
21 MAKES IT OKAY FOR YOU DOM IN AT 3 P.M. THE FOLLOWING DAY, NOT  
22 9 A.M. REGARDLESS, WE DID ALLOW THEM TO INSPECT. AS A MATTER  
23 OF FACT, AS YOU SAID YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO SHOW UP FOR THE  
24 INSPECTION, WHAT HE DID, THE TESTS THAT WORKED, WHILE HE AND  
25 THE ROOFERS WERE HERE. AS SOON AS HE LEFT, YELLOW COLORED



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1 WATER CAME DOWN INTO OUR APARTMENT AND IS NOW IN NEW AREAS ON  
2 THE CEILING. WE LITERALLY HAD TO PUT A CONTAINER UNDER THE NEW  
3 LEAK. PLEASE SEND THE ROOFERS AGAIN TO FIX THE ROOF. I CALLED  
4 GEORGE AND REPORTED WHAT HAPPENED AFTER HE LEFT. HE STATED  
5 THAT HE WILL BE BACK TOMORROW TO REINSPECT. I'M SENDING  
6 PICTURES OF WHAT IS GOING ON ALSO. YOUR COOPERATION WOULD BE  
7 GREATLY APPRECIATED. THE OTHER ONE IS FROM CARINA ROTINA. SHE  
8 WROTE, I AM WRITING THIS EMAIL IN THE HOPES THAT SOMEONE CAN  
9 HELP ME. I HAVE SPENT THE LAST SEVERAL WEEKS CONTACTING  
10 JESSICA PENA, MY LIAISON, AND JILLIAN WRIGHT FOR HELP BEING IN  
11 REIMBURSED ONLY TO BE COMPLETELY IGNORED AND ABUSED. I AM OWED  
12 FOR 30 DAYS OF MEALS FOR TWO PEOPLE AND DRY CLEANING. I WAS  
13 ORIGINALLY TOLD BY JILLIAN WRIGHT THAT I'D RECEIVE A CHECK FOR  
14 A MONTH TWO WEEKS AGO. THIS WAS STILL BEING OWED FOR TWO WEEKS  
15 OF MEALS AND DRY CLEANING. UNFORTUNATELY THE CHECK ARRIVED AND  
16 WAS ONLY FOR A TWO-WEEK PERIOD. I EMAILED JILLIAN AND JESSICA  
17 ASKING FOR HELP DUE TO THE FACT THAT I AM A TEACHER FOR THE  
18 L.A. UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AND HAVE BEEN LAID OFF. I NEED TO  
19 PAY MY CREDIT CARDS SO THAT I CAN AFFORD TO BUY FOOD. HOWEVER,  
20 WHEN A POSITIVE RESPONSE WASN'T RECEIVED, I BECAME ANGRY AND  
21 DESPERATE AND SENT A STRONGER LETTER, YET RESPECTFUL MESSAGE  
22 EXPLAINING THAT THE EXCUSE OF GAS COMPANY BEING OVERWHELMED  
23 FOR THE PAST SIX MONTHS IS NO LONGER WORKING AS A GOOD NUMBER  
24 OF MY NEIGHBORS HAVE BEEN FIGHTING THE SAME FIGHT, WHICH  
25 RAISES THE QUESTION: WHO IS ACTUALLY GETTING REIMBURSED? I



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1 REALIZE THIS IS A DIFFICULT SITUATION, YET WHAT IS BEING  
2 FORGOTTEN IS THAT IT'S A DIFFICULT SITUATION FOR THE  
3 RESIDENTS, NOT THE LIAISONS AND EXECUTIVES WHO COULDN'T CARE  
4 LESS ABOUT OUR INABILITY TO BUY' FOOD AND EAT. MY RIGHTS ARE  
5 BEING VIOLATED. I HAVE TO PAY MY BILL BUT CAN'T. THE GAS  
6 COMPANY REFUSE TO PAY ME BACK FOR WHICH THEY ON THEIR SIDE  
7 PROMISED TO REIMBURSE FOR. I ASK YOU TO INTERVENE AND HELP ME.  
8 I'M EXHAUSTED AND OVERWHELMED. AND THEN THIS ANOTHER ONE THAT  
9 I HAD JUST RECEIVED FROM ANOTHER CONSTITUENT WHO WAS HAVING  
10 THE SAME TYPE OF PROBLEM. AND THE PROBLEM IS-- LET ME ASK OUR  
11 COUNTY COUNSEL, MARY. WE HAVE A MEDIATOR. WHAT HAS BEEN THE  
12 SUCCESS RECORD OF THE MEDIATOR IN HELPING THESE INDIVIDUALS  
13 GET RELIEF?

14

15 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** YES, SUPERVISOR. WHAT WE HAVE IN PLACE  
16 IS AN ATTORNEY WHO WORKED FOR THE PLAINTIFF'S COUNSEL PAUL  
17 KESSIL. SO THESE TYPES OF COMPLAINTS ARE BEING REFERRED TO  
18 THAT ATTORNEY. AND MY UNDERSTANDING IS THEY'VE BEEN PRETTY  
19 SUCCESSFUL IN RESOLVING MOST OF THESE MATTERS. I CAN TAKE THE  
20 INFORMATION THAT YOU JUST REFERENCED AND MAKE SURE THAT THAT  
21 OUR CONTACT HAS THAT INFO SO THAT WE CAN ADDRESS THESE  
22 INDIVIDUALS' CONCERNS.

23

24 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** THE OTHER ONE WAS FROM A MR. STEINER  
25 AND HE WROTE, YOU ARE RECEIVING THIS EMAIL BECAUSE-- HE'S



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1 WRITING THIS TO THE GAS COMPANY-- BECAUSE REIMBURSEMENT CLAIMS  
2 DUE ME ARE CURRENTLY OUTSTANDING AND ARE WAY PAST DUE. I'M  
3 TIRED OF BEING IGNORED, GIVEN THE RUN AROUND BY MULTIPLE TRIPS  
4 TO THE SOUTHERN CAL COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER AS WELL AS BY MY  
5 LIAISON IN HOPES I WILL STOP FIGHTING. NO MORE DELAY TACTICS.  
6 I FOLLOWED THE GUIDELINES. HIS STORY IS THE SAME ONE. HE HAS  
7 NOT BEEN PAID FROM MAY 1ST TO JUNE 10TH. HE'S TALKED ABOUT HIS  
8 HOTEL AND OTHER SO WE COULD GET AN UPDATE-- AS I'M CHOKING TO  
9 DEATH. I HAVE A COUGH DROP-- IF WE COULD GET AN UPDATE ON HOW  
10 WE ADDRESS THIS, I WOULD APPRECIATE IT.

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12 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** ABSOLUTELY.

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14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION. I HAVE TWO  
15 ADJOURNMENTS FOR TODAY. TODAY I MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY  
16 OF CARMEN REBOLLO. CARMEN REBOLLO WAS BORN ON DECEMBER 12,  
17 1940. SHE PASSED AWAY ON JUNE 1, 2016. SHE WAS 76 YEARS OLD.  
18 CARMEN WAS MARRIED TO ROLAND REBOLLO AND WAS THE MOTHER OF  
19 FIVE, TWO GIRLS AND THREE BOYS. CARMEN WAS A LONGTIME RESIDENT  
20 OF SOUTH EL MONTE. HER CHILDREN ATTENDED SCHOOLS IN BOTH EL  
21 MONTE AND SOUTH EL MONTE. MS. REBOLLO WORKED AT SHIVELY MIDDLE  
22 SCHOOL IN SOUTH EL MONTE FOR EIGHT YEARS BEFORE RETIRING TWO  
23 YEARS AGO. SHE'LL BE MISSED BY HER FAMILY AND FRIENDS. I ALSO  
24 MOVE TODAY THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF SISTER BARBARA MULLEN.  
25 SISTER BARBARA WAS A BELOVED TEACHER, MENTOR AND FRIEND. SHE



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1 PASSED AWAY PEACEFULLY EARLY SUNDAY MORNING WITH HER SISTERS  
2 BY HER SIDE. SHE LED AN EXTRAORDINARY LIFE FILLED WITH LOVE  
3 AND SERVICE. FOR 25 YEARS, SHE INSPIRED COUNTLESS MAYFIELD  
4 SENIOR SCHOOL STUDENTS, FACULTY AND STAFF WITH HER INDOMITABLE  
5 SPIRIT AND DEEP COMPASSION. SHE SERVED FIRST AS DEAN OF  
6 STUDENTS AND LATER AS DIRECTOR OF FORMATION TO MISSION AND WAS  
7 PARTICULARLY FOND OF HER SENIOR THEOLOGY SEMINAR, "A JOURNEY  
8 IN FAITH." SISTER BARBARA HAD AN EXTRAORDINARY GIFT OF TRULY  
9 AND PROFOUNDLY UNDERSTANDING HER STUDENTS. SHE HAD A DEEP LOVE  
10 FOR THE ENTIRE MAYFIELD COMMUNITY. SHE WAS A SHINING EXAMPLE  
11 OF THEIR MOTTO, "ACTIONS NOT WORDS." SHE LEAVES BEHIND  
12 INNUMERABLE STUDENTS, SISTERS AND COLLEAGUES THAT WILL FOREVER  
13 BE TOUCHED BY HER LIGHT AND LOVE. MAY SHE REST IN PEACE. THAT  
14 CONCLUDES MY ADJOURNMENTS. MOVING ON. NEXT SUPERVISOR. RIDLEY-  
15 THOMAS.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** JOIN ME IN JOINING IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL  
18 ANTHONY FLOWERS, BORN AUGUST 8, 1956 IN MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE AND  
19 PASSED ON JUNE 4 AT THE AGE OF 59. HE SERVED IN THE U.S. NAVY  
20 FOR SIX YEARS AND RELOCATED TO LOS ANGELES IN 1981. HE WAS  
21 EMPLOYED WITH 34 YEARS HUGHES AIRCRAFT LATER KNOWN AS BOEING  
22 IN EL SEGUNDO. WHILE WORKING FULL-TIME TO SUPPORT HIS FAMILY,  
23 HE ATTENDED CAL STATE UNIVERSITY LONG BEACH AND EARNED A  
24 BACHELOR'S OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN ENGINEERING. MR. FLOWERS CARED  
25 DEEPLY FOR HIS COMMUNITY AND FOUND A WAY TO INCORPORATE HIS





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1 LOVE OF SPORTS INTO HIS COMMUNITY SERVICE. HE WAS ACTIVE AT  
2 HELEN KELLER AND JESSE OWENS PARKS IN THE SECOND DISTRICT,  
3 SERVING AS AN ORGANIZER AND COACH FOR OVER 16 YEARS WITH THE  
4 HOLLYWOOD LITTLE LEAGUE ORGANIZATION. HE TOOK PRIDE IN WORKING  
5 WITH YOUTH OF ALL BACKGROUNDS AND PROVIDED THEM WITH STABILITY  
6 AND GUIDANCE DURING THEIR FORMATIVE YEARS. HE WILL BE  
7 REMEMBERED FOR HIS LOVE OF BASEBALL AND GOLF, DEDICATION TO  
8 HIS FAMILY. AND AS A PILLAR IN THE COMMUNITY. HE IS SURVIVED  
9 BY HIS WIFE, ROSALYN, DAUGHTER EBONY, SON MARCUS AND A HOST OF  
10 FRIENDS, COLLEAGUES AND MEMBERS OF THE LITTLE LEAGUE COMMUNITY  
11 WHO WILL MISS HIM DEARLY. MICHAEL ANTHONY FLOWERS.

12  
13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER.  
14 SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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16 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN  
17 WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF WALLACE WRAY BOOTH,  
18 JR. A PROMINENT SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BUSINESS EXEC AND  
19 PHILANTHROPIST DIED, ON JUNE 9TH. HE RECEIVED HIS B.A. AND HIS  
20 M.B.A. IN FINANCE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO. LATER SERVED  
21 ON THEIR BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND ENDOWED A PROFESSIONAL CHAIR IN  
22 THEIR SCHOOL OF BUSINESS. IN 1968 HE MOVED TO SOUTHERN  
23 CALIFORNIA TO BECOME EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT OF ROCKWELL  
24 INTERNATIONAL AND LATER SERVED AS C.E.O. FOR UNITED BRANDS AND  
25 DUCOMMUN INCORPORATED. AS A PHILANTHROPIST, HE SUPPORTED



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1 ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS FOR COLLEGE SCIENTISTS, THE CHILDREN'S  
2 BUREAU AND THE LEAGUE FOR CHILDREN AND WAS A FORMER PRESIDENT  
3 OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA UNITED WAY. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS  
4 DAUGHTER ANN BOOTH COX AND HIS SON JOHN ENGLAND BOOTH. AND I  
5 MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN TODAY WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ARNOLD  
6 BALONICK. HE WAS A SUCCESSFUL ENTREPRENEUR AND THE CREATOR OF  
7 THE MAXI- FLOAT MATTRESS, WHICH WAS THE VERY FIRST HOSPITAL  
8 BED DESIGNED TO COMBAT BEDSORES AND ARTICULATE WITH THE BED, A  
9 TECHNOLOGY THAT HE SOLD TO A WORLDWIDE NETWORK OF HOSPITALS.  
10 HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, ROBERTA, SISTER SHELLY, CHILDREN  
11 ZACHARY, HANNA AND JAIRO LEMUS. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN  
12 TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF DR. LEO JOHN TRECIOKAS, A  
13 NEUROLOGIST, A MEDICAL RESEARCHER WHO PASSED AWAY LAST  
14 DECEMBER 16TH. HIS FAMILY LEFT LITHUANIA IN 1944 TO ESCAPE  
15 SOVIET OCCUPATION AND EMIGRATED TO THE UNITED STATES. FOR 47  
16 YEARS HE WAS A NEUROLOGIST AND HELPED DEVELOP NEW AND  
17 INNOVATIVE TREATMENTS FOR PARKINSON'S DISEASE AS WELL AS THE  
18 BOTOX PROGRAM AT U.C.L.A., TREATING PATIENTS FOR A VARIETY OF  
19 MOVEMENT DISORDERS. HE WAS ALSO INVOLVED IN MANY ACTIVITIES TO  
20 ADVANCE THE CAUSE OF THE LITHUANIAN NATION. HE'S SURVIVED BY  
21 HIS WIFE NIJOLE, AND HIS TWO DAUGHTERS INA AND LAURA. FINALLY  
22 I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF  
23 LEONARD HILL WHO DIED ON JUNE 7TH. HE WAS A PRODUCER AND  
24 WRITER OF MORE THAN 50 NETWORK TELEVISION MOVIES, FOUR  
25 MINISERIES AND THREE DRAMATIC SERIES. EARLIER THIS YEAR, HE



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1 PARTNERED WITH THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES TO CREATE THE LEONARD  
2 HILL ARTS PLAZA, A CULTURAL SPACE TO BE BUILT BENEATH THE NEW  
3 SIXTH STREET BRIDGE BETWEEN SANTA FE AVENUE AND THE L.A.  
4 RIVER. HE SERVED ON THE BOARD OF CALIFORNIA FILM COMMISSION,  
5 THE L.A. CONSERVANCY, COMMON CAUSE AND THE CAUCUS OF  
6 PRODUCERS, WRITERS AND DIRECTORS. HE ALSO CREATED THE LEONARD  
7 HILL FOUNDATION TO HELP UNDERPRIVILEGED PEOPLE IN LOS ANGELES.  
8 HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE DR. PATRICIA GORDON AND STEPCHILDREN  
9 LINDSEY, ALLIE AND BEN. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, THANK YOU. WITH  
12 THAT, MEMBERS, WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT NOW? AND I'D LIKE TO  
13 CALL THESE INDIVIDUALS UP. JANECE GROSSMANN. DAVID  
14 THROGMORTON. STEVE BURRIS AND ROBERT WEBB. GO AHEAD, MA'AM,  
15 STATE YOUR NAME SO EVERYONE WILL BE REMINDED TO DO THAT. THANK  
16 YOU. GO AHEAD. GO AHEAD, MA'AM. YEAH. JANECE?

17

18 **JANECE GROSSMANN:** HI, I'M JANICE GROSSMAN. WE'RE HERE TO TALK  
19 ABOUT THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT, OUR CONTRACTS.

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21 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** CAN YOU SPEAK MORE DIRECTLY INTO THE  
22 MIC.? JUST PULL IT DOWN, THE MIC,. SO I CAN HEAR YOU. THANK  
23 YOU.

24

25 **JANECE GROSSMANN:** WANT ME TO START OVER?



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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES, GO AHEAD.

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4 **JANECE GROSSMANN:** MY NAME IS JANECE GROSSMANN AND I'M  
5 REPRESENTING UNITED DIESEL SERVICE, A SMALL BUSINESS IN LOS  
6 ANGELES COUNTY AND WE'RE HERE TODAY TO TALK ABOUT A PROP A AND  
7 AN I.F.P., WHICH IS AN INVITATION FOR BID. THIS IS AN ISSUE A  
8 FEW YEARS AGO WITH A PROP A. WHAT WE HAVE IS THE INVITATION TO  
9 BID. IT'S VERY DIFFICULT FOR SMALL BUSINESSES TO COMPETE.  
10 THESE INVITATION TO BIDS ARE VERY MUCH FOCUSED ON BIG  
11 COMPANIES. AND THAT'S WHAT WE'RE DEALING WITH RIGHT NOW. AND  
12 WE REALLY WOULD LIKE TO BOARD TO LOOK AT THESE AND COME TO  
13 THAT AND SEE IF YOU CAME TO THE SAME CONCLUSION. BUT ONE I'M  
14 WORKING ON RIGHT NOW, IT HAS BOATS, CARS, TRUCKS, TRACTORS,  
15 PERSONAL WATERCRAFT, WOOD CHOPPERS, TRACTORS, VANS AND QUADS.  
16 A COMPANY MY SIZE, I HAPPEN TO BE A DIESEL FUEL SHOP. THERE'S  
17 NO WAY I CAN COMPETE IN A CONTRACT LIKE THAT. AND NOW, I CAN  
18 SUBCONTRACT THE WORK OUT WITH AN ADDITIONAL COST TO THE  
19 TAXPAYERS OF 15 PERCENT, WHICH I DON'T THINK THAT'S THE RIGHT  
20 THING TO DO BUT THAT'S WHAT'S IN THE CONTRACTS. OF THE  
21 LIABILITY TO SUBCONTRACT, I'M LIABLE FOR EVERYTHING I  
22 SUBCONTRACT, THE QUALITY OF WORK FOR THE SUBCONTRACTORS. THE  
23 WAY IT IS NOW IS THAT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS MANY VENDORS  
24 THAT THEY CAN USE FOR THE WAY THE CONTRACTS ARE WRITTEN NOW.



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1 AND WHAT THEY WANT TO DO IS THEY WANT TO USE ONE VENDER FOR  
2 ALL OF THIS. AND THAT'S WHAT WE'RE FIGHTING.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** HOW LONG HAVE YOU HAD A CONTRACT?

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6 **JANECE GROSSMANN:** PROBABLY FOR ABOUT 15 YEARS.

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8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WHAT'S CHANGED? CAN YOU BE MORE  
9 SPECIFIC? WHAT HAS REALLY CHANGED FOR YOU? YOU'RE SAYING THAT-  
10 -

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12 **JANECE GROSSMANN:** WE DON'T KNOW WHY THEY WANT DO IT THIS WAY.  
13 NOTHING'S CHANGED. WE'VE ALL HAD CONTRACTS. THE FIRE  
14 DEPARTMENT, THEY USED TO HAVE 90 VENDORS. AND THEN IT WENT  
15 DOWN TO 60 VENDORS. AND NOW THEY HAVE 30 VENDORS. AND JUST  
16 WHAT I DO ALONE, THEY HAVE FOUR DIFFERENT VENDORS THAT THEY  
17 CAN PULL FROM.

18

19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. WHAT WE'LL DO IS WE HAVE I.S.D.  
20 HERE. THEY'RE ACTUALLY IN CHARGE OF THE CONTRACTS. AND WE'LL  
21 HAVE THEM ALSO TALK WITH YOU BECAUSE OBVIOUSLY WE'LL WANT TO  
22 KNOW MORE ABOUT THAT.

23

24 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** ALSO, LET ME--

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1    **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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3    **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** ALSO IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, THEY  
4    HAVE TO SEND THE EQUIPMENT TO BE REPAIRED DOWN BELOW?

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6    **JANECE GROSSMANN:** YES, WE DO GET SOME WORK.

7

8    **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** BUT YOU DO IT THERE, WHICH WOULD BE  
9    CHEAPER TO HAVE IT DONE THERE THAN TO TRANSPORT THE EQUIPMENT  
10   DOWN BELOW TO BE REPAIRED AND THEN SENT BACK TO THE VALLEY.

11

12   **JANECE GROSSMANN:** RIGHT. YEAH. WE GET MORE OF THEIR COMPONENTS  
13   THAN THEIR VEHICLES. BECAUSE WE ALSO WORK ON COMPONENTS.

14

15   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RIGHT. SO IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE.

16

17   **DAVID THROGMORTON:** I HAVE STORIES THAT WILL--

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19   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** STATE YOUR NAME. WE'RE STARTING THE  
20   CLOCK ON YOU SO STATE YOUR NAME.

21

22   **DAVID THROGMORTON:** MY NAME IS DAVID THROGMORTON. I OWN  
23   THROGMORTON FRAME CLINIC. I'M A BODY SHOP. COMMERCE,  
24   CALIFORNIA. WHAT I'D LIKE TO SAY IS THE WORDS THAT ARE ON THE  
25   WALL HERE, "THE COUNTY IS FOUNDED ON FREE ENTERPRISE, CHERISH





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1 AND HELP PRESERVE IT." AND I'D JUST LIKE TO KNOW ARE THESE  
2 JUST PRETTY WORDS ON THE WALL? OR ARE THEY THERE JUST TO, YOU  
3 KNOW-- DOES THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ACTUALLY BELIEVE THOSE?  
4 BECAUSE THESE CONTRACTS, THEY'RE SET UP FOR BIG BUSINESS ONLY.  
5 AND THE SCOPE OF WORK IS UNBELIEVABLE. EVEN FOR A BIG  
6 BUSINESS. AND THERE'S NO POSSIBLE WAY A SMALL BUSINESS WOULD  
7 BE ABLE TO GET A CONTRACT AND EXECUTE IT. THE LIST OF SERVICES  
8 AND PRODUCTS SUPPLIED BY THE SMALL BUSINESSES IS ASTRONOMICAL.  
9 THE MECHANICS EMPLOYED BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT ARE SPECIALISTS  
10 AND SO ARE THE SMALL BUSINESSES. AND WE ALL WORK TOGETHER TO  
11 KEEP THE FIRE ENGINES RUNNING. IT'S A JOINT EFFORT. AND THE  
12 FIREMEN ALSO WHO WORK IN THE SHOPS ARE AGAINST THESE CONTRACTS  
13 THAT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S COMING UP WITH BECAUSE THEY NEED  
14 THE SMALL VENDORS TO BE ABLE TO KEEP ALL THESE FIRE ENGINES  
15 RUNNING, OKAY? AND WE'RE JUST REQUESTING THAT WE KEEP THE  
16 SMALL-- THE SMALL BUSINESSES GOING. AND LET US COMPETE WITH  
17 EACH OTHER. THAT'LL KEEP PRICES DOWN. AND KEEP THE QUALITY  
18 REPAIRS UP FOR L.A. COUNTY. THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE'LL HAVE SOMEONE ON THE SIDE TO  
21 TALK TO YOU, AS WELL. OKAY? THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, STATE  
22 YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD, PLEASE.

23

24 **ROBERT WEBB:** MY NAME IS ROBERT WEBB. WEBB'S AUTO AND TRUCK IN  
25 COMMERCE, CALIFORNIA. BASICALLY THEY'VE SAID-- I DON'T NEED TO



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1 REITERATE WHAT THEY'RE SAYING BUT JUST SOME KEY POINTS HERE IS  
2 THIS CONTRACT, AS THEY WERE SAYING, IS SO LARGE. WELL, I JUST  
3 WANT TO GIVE A COUPLE OF EXAMPLES OF HOW A SMALL BUSINESS  
4 CAN'T COMPETE. ONE OF THOSE IS THAT WE HAVE TO, IN THE  
5 CONTRACT, IT ASKS US TO DO THE WORK FOR A MONTH AND THEN WE  
6 BILL THEM ON THE 15TH OF THE FOLLOWING MONTH, WHICH WOULD BE  
7 APPROXIMATELY 45 DAYS. AND WE'RE TALKING IT COULD BE UP TO  
8 1,900 VEHICLES. NOW, THAT VOLUME, EVEN IF YOU'RE GETTING  
9 APPROXIMATELY 25 TO 30 CARS A DAY FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTY,  
10 YOU POTENTIALLY COULD HAVE PROBABLY A COUPLE HUNDRED THOUSAND  
11 DOLLARS OUT. I DON'T KNOW A WHOLE LOT OF SMALL BUSINESSES THAT  
12 CAN PUT OUT \$200,000 AND THEN HAVE TO WAIT 45 DAYS TO GET  
13 PAID. IT MAKES IT WHERE THE GUYS AND STEVE AND ALL OF US HAVE  
14 BEEN DOING QUALITY WORK FOR LET'S SAY 10 PLUS YEARS MOST OF  
15 US, AND WITH NO PROBLEMS. AND YET WITH A STROKE OF A PEN THEY  
16 WANT TO ELIMINATE US. AND IT'S JUST SEEMS REALLY UNFAIR. I  
17 THINK BEING SMALL, WE'RE CAPABLE OF GETTING THE JOBS IN AND  
18 OUT IN A TIMELY MANNER. WHEREAS IF YOU COMPLICATE THAT SYSTEM  
19 AND CREATE JUST, I DON'T KNOW, I GUESS BIG CONGLOMERATE, ONE  
20 PERSON DOING IT, I THINK YOU'RE IN FOR A LOT OF PROBLEMS MAYBE  
21 UNFORESEEN HERE WHERE IT COULD JUST SLOW DOWN THE PROCESS.  
22 EVEN THOUGH THEY ASK US, FOR INSTANCE, TO GET THE CARS OUT IN  
23 TWO DAYS, SOMETIMES THAT'S ABSOLUTELY IMPOSSIBLE. THEY'RE  
24 ASKING US ON THE CONTRACT TO BE A CERTIFIED CATERPILLAR ENGINE  
25 REPAIR, ASKING US FOR CUMMINS CERTIFICATION. THE ONLY PEOPLE



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1 THAT PRETTY MUCH GET THOSE ARE DEALERSHIPS. THE INDEPENDENTS  
2 DON'T HAVE THAT. THEY'RE ASKING US ALSO, THEY HAVE A WORD  
3 HERE, IT'S EMERGENCY VEHICLE TECHNICIAN REQUIRED TO WORK ON  
4 ALL EMERGENCY VEHICLES. THE I.F.B. IS FOUR EMERGENCY VEHICLES  
5 ONLY. NOW, IN ORDER TO WORK ON THOSE, AND YOU HAVE TO HAVE  
6 THAT. I DON'T KNOW ANYBODY, AND I'VE BEEN IN THIS BUSINESS MY  
7 WHOLE LIFE. I'M A FOURTH GENERATION. I DON'T KNOW ANYBODY THAT  
8 HAS THAT CERTIFICATION.

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10 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** RIGHT NOW DO YOU GET PAID REGULARLY?

11

12 **ROBERT WEBB YES, SIR.**

13

14 **>>SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** IT'S NOT 45 DAYS?

15

16 **ROBERT WEBB:** THERE'S A DIFFERENCE. THE BIGGEST PROBLEM WITH  
17 GETTING PAID FROM THE COUNTY IS THE WAY IT WORKS IS THAT WE  
18 SUBMIT, WE HAVE A P.R. TO DO THE WORK ORDER. THEN WE'RE DONE  
19 WITH THAT, WE SEND IN FOR THE P.O. TO BE PAID. SOMETIMES THOSE  
20 P.O.S ARE HELD UP FOR SEVERAL DAYS IF NOT WEEKS BEFORE WE CAN  
21 GET EVEN A P.O. AND THEN WE SEND IT IN. SO THAT'S REALLY, FOR  
22 US, WHERE WE SEE THE HOLDUP. AND THEN ONE LAST THING IS  
23 INSTEAD OF TRYING TO CHANGE THE SMALL VENDORS AND GET RID OF  
24 THEM, WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO SEE IS THE COUNTY TO LOOK AT  
25 POSSIBLY STREAMLINING THEIR PROCESS TO HANDLE THE SMALL



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1 VENDORS. I THINK IT'S PROBABLY JUST TOO LARGE. IF THEY WERE TO  
2 MAYBE FOCUS MORE ON THAT END INSTEAD OF GETTING RID OF US AND  
3 KEEP US AND THEN STREAMLINING THE OTHER, THE BACKSIDE OF IT TO  
4 ME MAKES MORE SENSE. THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. APPRECIATE YOUR  
7 ASSISTANCE.

8

9 **STEVE BURRIS:** MY NAME IS STEVE BURRIS AND I'M A SMALL BUSINESS  
10 OWNER FROM HUNTINGTON PARK. I'VE BEEN A CONTRACTOR FOR THE  
11 FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR ALMOST 20 YEARS NOW. MY CURRENT CONTRACT'S  
12 GOING TO EXPIRE THIS SEPTEMBER. AFTER THAT, THERE IS NO  
13 CONTRACTS THAT ARE AVAILABLE THAT I COULD TRY FOR BECAUSE  
14 THEY'RE ALL GEARED TOWARDS THE BIG BUSINESS. SO I WOULD JUST  
15 ASK THE COUNTY TO LOOK AND SEE WHY THEY'RE ALL GEARED TO LARGE  
16 BUSINESS NOW AND PUTTING OUT THE SMALL BUSINESSES. AND WHY ARE  
17 THEY CHANGING A SYSTEM THAT'S NOT BROKEN? IT'S BEEN WORKING  
18 WELL FOR MANY YEARS. THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** IS THIS YOUR ONLY CONTRACT THAT YOU  
21 HAVE WITH THE COUNTY?

22

23 **STEVE BURRIS:** YES.

24

25 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SO HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN DOING THIS?



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2 **STEVE BURRIS:** SINCE '96.

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4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** '96, WOW, OKAY. ALL RIGHT. I  
5 APPRECIATE YOU COMING AND SPEAKING TO US. I KNOW OUR STAFF  
6 WILL WANT TO TALK TO YOU. MANY OF US ARE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT  
7 KEEPING OUR SMALL BUSINESSES INTACT AND TRYING TO HELP  
8 ACTUALLY USE OUR ASSETS IN A WAY THAT WE CAN HELP SUSTAIN OUR  
9 SMALL BUSINESSES. SO THANK YOU. WE APPRECIATE THAT. WE HAVE  
10 NOW SOME OTHER SPEAKERS, ONE FROM LANCASTER? JASON ZINK.

11

12 **JASON ZINK:** YES, HI, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. YOU GUYS HAD AN  
13 L.A. CARE COME OUT TO ANTELOPE VALLEY TO HAVE A MEETING, BUT  
14 THE PROBLEM WAS THEY DIDN'T ADVERTISE ON ANY OF THE LOCAL  
15 NEWSPAPERS OR WEBSITES OR ON THE PALMDALE LANCASTER'S CITY  
16 SITES. SO THEY MIGHT AS WELL HAVE HAD THE MEETING ON MARS.  
17 IT'S FUNNY THAT NOBODY THAT SHOWED UP TO THE MEETING, NONE OF  
18 THEM WERE ON MEDI-CAL. SO IT'S KIND OF LIKE HAVING A MEETING  
19 FOR SENIOR CITIZENS BUT NOT INVITING THE SENIOR CITIZENS. IT  
20 MAKES NO SENSE WHAT THEY DID. BUT THEY HAD A BIG ARTICLE ABOUT  
21 THAT THEY HAD THE MEETING. BUT THEY DIDN'T ADVERTISE THE  
22 MEETING. IT'S FUNNY THAT THEY ADVERTISE ALL OVER OUR LOCAL  
23 NEWSPAPERS AND STUFF, L.A. CARE, MORE DOCTORS, MORE CHOICES.  
24 BUT IN LANCASTER, THEY ONLY HAVE TWO DOCTORS. AND THEY HAVEN'T  
25 BEEN TAKING IN NEW PATIENTS SINCE APRIL. SO I WOULD LIKE YOU



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1 TO RE-SEND THEM BACK OUT AND ADVERTISE THEIR MEETINGS SO THE  
2 PUBLIC HAS A CHANCE TO ADDRESS THEM. THE OTHER THING I'D LIKE  
3 TO TALK ABOUT IS A PROGRAM THAT I THINK THE BOARD OF  
4 SUPERVISORS SHOULD SUPPORT, MAYBE USE ANTELOPE VALLEY TRANSIT  
5 AUTHORITY AS THE FIRST ONE IS A FREE 60-DAY BUS PASS FOR  
6 PEOPLE THAT GO IN AND APPLY FOR G.R. CASH AID. THEY DON'T GET  
7 THEIR CASH AID FOR 45 DAYS. SO IF THEY COULD GET A BUS PASS  
8 THAT DAY THAT THEY APPLY, TO GO LOOK FOR A JOB AND HOPEFULLY  
9 GET OFF G.R. FASTER. BUSES ARE ALREADY SUBSIDIZED SO IT  
10 DOESN'T REALLY COST THE COUNTY OR ANYTHING ANY MONEY, BUT IT  
11 WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA, I THINK, AND WE COULD SORT IT OUT IN THE  
12 ANTELOPE VALLEY. AND IT WOULD HELP PEOPLE FIND A JOB. THE  
13 OTHER THING IS THE TRAUMA TAX. I HOPE YOU GUYS SETTLE-- IT'S  
14 THE BUDGET YEAR AT THE END. I HOPE YOU GUYS DO A SETTLEMENT  
15 WITH A.V. HOSPITAL. NEED THE MONEY FOR NEW EMERGENCY ROOM AND  
16 WE NEED MONEY FOR EARTHQUAKE RETROFIT. THE BIG ONE HASN'T  
17 HAPPENED YET, BUT IT WILL. AND THIS HOSPITAL WILL COLLAPSE. IF  
18 YOU THINK 50 PEOPLE DYING-- THINK ABOUT A THOUSAND PEOPLE IN  
19 THAT HOSPITAL IN THE PLACE COLLAPSING. ALSO THE PARK BOND  
20 MEASURE. ANTELOPE VALLEY ONLY RECEIVED-- WE CONTRIBUTED \$150  
21 MILLION TO THE PARK BOND MEASURES '92 AND '96. ANTELOPE VALLEY  
22 ONLY RECEIVED \$33 MILLION IN PROJECTS. WE WANT OUR FAIR SHARE  
23 AND WE WANT TO BE PAID BACK FOR ALL THAT MONEY THAT WE GAVE  
24 THE COUNTY. WE DESERVE TO HAVE A BIG PART OF THAT COMING TO  
25 US, TOO. AND AS FAR AS THE--





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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE HAVE J. HUTCHINSON. ESTELA  
3 AVALOS, HERB MENDELSON, SOFIA QUINONES. OSCAR MOHAMMAD. STATE  
4 YOUR NAME, SIR, THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL AND YOU CAN GET STARTED.

5

6 **HERB MENDELSON:** HELLO, I'M HERB MENDELSON. THANK YOU VERY  
7 MUCH, HONORABLE LADIES AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
8 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I FEEL LIKE I KNOW YOU VERY, VERY WELL  
9 AFTER EIGHT HOURS IN THIS ROOM. THANK YOU. I'M HERB MENDELSON  
10 AND SALES FOR PROJECT DEVELOPMENT PERSON FOR PERMA CITY SOLAR.  
11 PERMA CITY SOLAR IS A SMALL BUSINESS WITH ITS HEADQUARTERS IN  
12 DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES AND FOR A SMALL BUSINESS, WE'VE DONE SOME  
13 PRETTY GREAT THINGS. WE HOLD THE RECORD FOR THE LARGEST SOLAR  
14 POWER SYSTEM IN ONE CONTIGUOUS ROOF IN L.A. COUNTY. THAT IS  
15 THE 5-MEGAWATT SOLAR POWER SYSTEM ON FOREVER 21'S HEADQUARTERS  
16 IN LINCOLN HEIGHTS. I'M HERE TODAY BECAUSE THERE ARE TWO  
17 PUBLIC BIDS TO INSTALL SOLAR AND START SAVING THE COUNTY MONEY  
18 ON ITS ELECTRIC BILLS IN OVER 30 BUILDINGS IN L.A. COUNTY.  
19 BOTH OF THESE ARE WORK ORDERS. THEY'RE CALLED E.E.P.132 AND  
20 133. THEY WERE AWARDED TO A BIG COMPANY, A LARGE, LARGE  
21 COMPANY THAT WENT OUT OF BUSINESS THAT SUBSEQUENTLY IT'S IN  
22 BANKRUPTCY PROTECTION. SO PERMA CITY SOLAR WAS SECOND. WE WERE  
23 THE RUNNER UP ON THESE TWO BIDS. WE'D LIKE TO AS I SAID WE'RE  
24 LOCAL COMPANY, WE'RE S.B.E., WE GOT \$20 MILLION WORTH OF  
25 BONDING. AND WE THINK THAT WE GAVE THE COUNTY A SUSTAINABLE



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1 PRICING AND CAME IN SECOND IN THE LOW BID. WE WOULD LIKE THE  
2 BOARD TO REVIEW THESE TWO WORK ORDERS E.E.P.132 AND 133 TO  
3 START SAVING THE COUNTY MONEY BY GOING SOLAR. MANY OF THE  
4 COUNTY'S LARGEST BUILDINGS WERE SLATED IN THESE TWO PROPOSALS.  
5 WE PLACED AS RUNNER UP IN THOSE PUBLIC BIDS AND WOULD LIKE TO  
6 TAKE THEM OVER FROM THE BANKRUPT COMPANY.

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8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YOU CAN PASS ALONG INFORMATION TO OUR  
9 OFFICES. WE'D BE HAPPY TO TAKE IT. THANK YOU. OSCAR MOHAMMAD

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11 **SR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. OSCAR MOHAMMED.

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13 **OSCAR MOHAMMAD:** MY NAME IS OSCAR. I SPEAK FOR THE OPPRESSED, I  
14 SPEAK FOR THE STRUGGLING POOR, I SPEAK FOR CULTURAL CHANGE.  
15 ONE THING ABOUT IT, WE'RE VERY RACIST IN THIS SOCIETY WHAT HE  
16 CALL AMERICA. YOU HOLLER [EXPLETIVE] OKAY YOU CAN HANG  
17 [EXPLETIVE] BUT WHEN YOU SAY UNGODLY JEWS AND CATHOLICS PEOPLE  
18 THOUGHT YOU LOST YOUR MIND. BUT WE SHOULD END IMPERIALISM. WE  
19 SEE WHERE THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WENT TO YEMEN AND SYRIA  
20 AND BROUGHT THE MUSLIMS OVER HERE AND STRANDED THEM. THEY'RE  
21 HOMELESS, THROWN IN THE STREET TO DIE. MANY OF THEM ARE  
22 HOMELESS IN LEIMERT PARK. THEY HAVE NO GUYS AND THEY HAVE NO  
23 OTHER SYSTEM IN ANYTHING. BUT ANYWAY, POLITICAL JUSTICE  
24 DISRESPECT THEIR OBLIGATION. POLITICAL SYSTEM DISRESPECT THEIR  
25 OBLIGATION FOR JUSTICE FOR MINORITIES. WE SHOULD REMOVE BLACKS



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1 OFF SKID ROW. WE SHOULD GIVE THEM A TICKET AND LUNCH BASKET  
2 AND SEND THEM BACK WHERE THEY CAME FROM BECAUSE THEY HAVE NO  
3 STRUCTURE. THEY HAVE NOTHING POSITIVE IN THEIR LIVES NOTHING  
4 BUT RECREATION SEX AND DRUGS ALL DAY. BUT THAT COMMUNITY  
5 CENTER ON ON SIXTH AND SAN PEDRO, THEY HAVE BIBLE STUDY AND  
6 THEY HAVE [INAUDIBLE] MESS. BUT WHEN THE [INAUDIBLE] IT FILED  
7 UP, BUT THE BIBLE STUDY, NO ONE THERE. NO ONE-- AND LOOK LIKE  
8 WE WILL SEE BLACK AMERICA THAT'S WITHERING AWAY ON SKID ROW.  
9 JUST DYING AND LIVING ON THE SIDEWALK. NO KIND OF  
10 RESPONSIBILITY IN OUR LIFE. BUT WE SEE OUR ENVIRONMENT AND WE  
11 SEE A BAD ENVIRONMENT AND WE SEE LAX ENVIRONMENT, AND NO  
12 SERIOUS ENVIRONMENT IS VERY INSANE. WE SHOULD FIND SOMETHING  
13 TO DO, WE SHOULD FIND A WAY TO VALUE OUR TIME MUCH BETTER THAN  
14 WHAT WE'RE DOING. WE NEED BETTER LEADERSHIP IN LOS ANGELES. WE  
15 NEED ACCOUNTABILITY. WE COULD LOOK AT THE REGULAR POLICE  
16 DEPARTMENT. THEY'RE LIKE ANIMALS. THEY SHOULD BE CHANGED. THE  
17 POLICE WILL COME FIRST AND THE BULLETS COME SECOND. THERE'S NO  
18 ACCOUNTABILITY OF THEIR ACTION.

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20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE HAVE BRYCE MILLER.  
21 DARRYL KRUSE MARY JACOBS. ROLAND MOODY. STATE YOUR NAME, SIR?

22

23 **BRYCE MILLER:** HELLO, MY NAME IS BRYCE MAURICE MILLER. THANKS  
24 FOR HAVING ME. I JUST WANT TO TELL YOU ABOUT MY DAY, ELECTION  
25 DAY, THE PRIMARY ELECTIONS. ACTUALLY THE DAY BEFORE I TRIED TO



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1 VOTE EARLY. I WAS TOLD EVERYWHERE THAT WAS IMPOSSIBLE IN MY  
2 COUNTY. I'M IN LONG BEACH. THEN THE NEXT DAY I WENT TO PLACE  
3 MY VOTE. I STEPPED IN. STOOD IN FRONT OF THE POLL PEOPLE AND  
4 THEY WERE SILENT. I WAS SILENT. I WAS LIKE "HELLO." THEY'RE  
5 LIKE, "YES?" "I'M HERE TO VOTE." "WHAT'S YOUR NAME?" I GAVE  
6 THEM MY NAME. "YOU'RE NOT ON THE LIST." TO TAKE A STEP BACK. I  
7 REGISTERED TO VOTE ON MAY 18TH AND I'VE BEEN REGISTERED TO  
8 VOTE FOR THE LAST TWO ELECTIONS. SO I WAS VERY SURPRISED TO  
9 FIND THAT I WAS NOT ON THE LIST. I WAS THEN GIVEN A  
10 PROVISIONAL BALLOT. I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT THAT MEANT. I DIDN'T  
11 KNOW WHAT THAT MEANT FOR ME OR IF IT WAS ANYTHING OUT OF THE  
12 USUAL. STEPPED OUTSIDE. LOOKED ONLINE. EVERYONE IS TALKING  
13 ABOUT PROVISIONAL BALLOTS WON'T BE COUNTED. SO I STAYED AT THE  
14 POLLING PLACE AND I ASKED A COUPLE OTHER PEOPLE WHAT WAS GOING  
15 ON WITH THEM? AND THEY TOLD ME THAT THEY WERE ALSO GIVEN  
16 PROVISIONAL BALLOTS, EVERYONE THAT I SPOKE WITH. SO OF COURSE  
17 I WAS A LITTLE BIT UPSET AND A LITTLE BIT CONFUSED SO I CALLED  
18 AROUND, CALLED THE HOTLINE. I ASKED THEM WHAT DOES THE  
19 PROVISIONAL BALLOT MEAN? THEY SAID IT WOULD NOT COUNT FOR 30  
20 DAYS. SO I ASKED THE LOS ANGELES VOTER HOTLINE WHAT THE  
21 PROVISIONAL BALLOT MEANT AND THEY SAID MY VOTE WON'T BE  
22 COUNTED FOR 30 DAYS. HE SAID-- I SAID, WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?  
23 HOW WILL THEY ANNOUNCE A WINNER AT THE END OF THE NIGHT? AND  
24 HE SAYS I DON'T KNOW. ASK YOUR MEDIA WHERE THEY GET THEIR  
25 INFORMATION FROM. SO I WAS LEFT KIND OF LIKE OKAY. SO I



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1 FOLLOWED UP AND ALSO WENT TO THE COUNTY REGISTRAR'S OFFICE  
2 WHERE--

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4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD AND JUST FINISH UP, SIR.

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6 **BRYCE MILLER:** I JUST WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF MY VOTE WOULD BE  
7 COUNTED.

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9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WELL, IF YOU CAST A PROVISIONAL  
10 BALLOT, I WOULD ASSUME THAT THAT WOULD HAPPEN. THAT'S WHAT  
11 THAT'S FOR IF YOUR NAME ISN'T LISTED. AND OUR STAFF CAN HELP  
12 YOU IF YOU HAVE YOUR RECEIPT WITH YOU OR ANY INFORMATION?  
13 WE'LL FOLLOW UP WITH YOU.

14

15 **BRYCE MILLER:** AWESOME. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

16

17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YOU'RE WELCOME. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

18

19 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. HONORABLE SUPERVISORS AND DON KNABE, I'M  
20 JUST WANT TOGETHER READ SOMETHING THAT WAS IN THE PAPER.

21

22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** STATE YOUR NAME, SIR.

23

24 **SPEAKER:** JUNE OF 2005 BY SHIRLEY HSU IN "THE PASADENA STAR  
25 NEWS." AND ALL THE L.A. NEWS GROUP PAPERS. "COUNTY SUPERVISORS



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1 ON TUESDAY BLOCKED MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES FROM OPENING  
2 IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS BUT THAT MAY NOT STOP A HACIENDA  
3 HEIGHTS DISPENSARY FROM OPERATING. SUPERVISOR DON KNABE MOVED  
4 TO PASS THE EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AFTER TWO GROUPS CONTACTED THE  
5 COUNTY WITH PLANS TO OPEN DISPENSARIES, ONE IN HACIENDA  
6 HEIGHTS AND THE OTHER IN ROWLAND HEIGHTS. I AM ABSOLUTELY  
7 OUTRAGED, KNABE SAID. IF THEY TOLD US THEY WERE WILLING TO  
8 WORK WITH US AND THEN RUSHED TO OPEN PRIOR TO THE MORATORIUM,  
9 THAT WOULD BE DISINGENUOUS." WHY WAS DON KNABE ABSOLUTELY  
10 OUTRAGED? THEY AGREED TO WORK WITH HIM. AND THEN THEY OPENED.  
11 DID HE HAVE AN AGREEMENT WITH THEM? DID THEY BREAK THAT  
12 AGREEMENT? WHEN RICK VELASQUEZ VISITED OUR ROWLAND HEIGHTS  
13 LOCATION IN MAY OF 2005, HE STATED HE HAD AN AGREEMENT WITH  
14 THE HACIENDA HEIGHTS OPERATORS NOT TO OPERATE. HE SAID HE  
15 WOULD WORK WITH US TO COME UP WITH REGULATIONS THAT WOULD  
16 ALLOW DISPENSARIES IF WE AGREED NOT TO OPERATE DURING THE  
17 PROCESS. IS IT BELIEVABLE THAT DON KNABE HAD AN AGREEMENT NOT  
18 TO OPERATE WITH THE HACIENDA GROUP YET THEY OPENED? AND THAT  
19 DON KNABE HAD NO AGREEMENT WITH THE ROWLAND HEIGHTS GROUP AND  
20 YET THEY DID NOT OPEN? I DON'T UNDERSTAND EXACTLY HOW HE CAN  
21 SAY, I DIDN'T HAVE AN AGREEMENT. I HAD AN AGREEMENT, BUT IT  
22 WAS APPARENT THAT AFTER THE OTHER GROUP BROKE THEIR AGREEMENT  
23 AND HE BECAME OUTRAGED, HE WAS NEVER ABLE TO WORK WITH ME. I  
24 WAS WORKING WITH HIM CONSTANTLY. I HAD A LITTLE DIFFICULTY,  
25 THOUGH, BECAUSE HE NEVER RETURNED ANY OF MY CALLS, RICK





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1 VELASQUEZ NEVER RETURNED ANY OF MY CALLS. SO I HAD TO OPERATE,  
2 WORK WITH HIM WITHOUT ANY ADVICE FROM THE COUNTY. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THERE IS I BELIEVE A STAFF PERSON  
5 FROM HIS OFFICE THAT CAN SPEAK TO YOU, SIR. WE'LL TRY TO  
6 CONNECT YOU WITH SOMEONE ON STAFF HERE. SIR? DARRELL KRUSE? IS  
7 THAT HIS NAME? HI.

8

9 **MARY JACOBS:** MY NAME IS MARY JACOBS.

10

11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES.

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13 **MARY JACOBS:** I HAVE TWO ISSUES BUT I'M GOING TO TELL THE FIRST  
14 ONE. ON THE DAY THAT THEY DID THE MASSACRE, I WAS SO  
15 DISTRAUGHT THAT I PAINTED OVER MY BERNIE SIGN IN PURPLE. AND  
16 THEN I DECIDED THAT I STILL DON'T LIKE HILLARY SO I CHANGED  
17 LANDSLIDES FOR BERNIE SANDERS AND I SAID LANDSLIDES FOR TRUMP  
18 IT WAS ALL PURPLE AND PINK AND BLUE, AND IT LOOKED LIKE A  
19 RAINBOW LIKE THIS GOD BLESS YOU. ANYWAY, WE WERE SHOT THAT  
20 NIGHT. MY HUSBAND AND I OWN A CAR, THE CAR THAT PEOPLE SLEEP  
21 IN, AND THE BACK WAS SHOT AND THE SIDE WAS SHOT. AND MY TENANT  
22 WAS SHOT. HE WOULD HAVE DIED BUT THEY GOT HIM ONLY IN THE  
23 FOOT. WE HAD SO MANY GUNSHOTS. AND I'M SO USED TO IT THAT I  
24 FELL ASLEEP. BUT OTHER PEOPLE COULDN'T. AND I'M ASKING THE  
25 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO TAKE THIS SERIOUSLY AS A POSSIBLE HATE



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1 CRIME. THINKING IT'S ONLY GANGS DOING IT. BUT WE HAVE NEVER  
2 BEEN SO PERSECUTED SINCE I PUT THAT BERNIE SIGN UP. AND I  
3 DON'T KNOW WHO DOESN'T LIKE BERNIE, BUT IT COULD BE THE K.K.K.  
4 IT COULD BE THE GANG OF THE WHITE SUPREMACIST IN JAIL. I DON'T  
5 LIKE THE ATTITUDE OF GANGSTERS ONLY. JUST BECAUSE WE HAVE  
6 PEOPLE IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS THAT ARE ALL IN GANGS DOESN'T MEAN  
7 THAT WE CAN'T HAVE HATE CRIMES AGAINST MEXICANS, AGAINST JEWS.  
8 WE'RE JEWISH. AND THEY'VE SHOT THE JEWISH STAR ABOVE BERNIE'S  
9 EYE, FOR BERNIE, INSTEAD OF AMERICAN STAR, I PUT A JEWISH  
10 STAR. AND IT WAS 4 INCHES AWAY FROM MY WINDOW WHERE I SLEEP.  
11 AND IT SHOT THE NEXT DAY ON SUPER TUESDAY, THEY SHOT MY  
12 TENANT'S BEDROOM, PATIO DOOR. AND SHE WOULD HAVE BEEN KILLED  
13 IF NOT FOR THE FILM THAT KEEPS THE SUN OUT. THIS IS SERIOUS  
14 BUSINESS. THIS IS SERIOUS POLITICS. I'M AN AMERICAN. I HAVE A  
15 RIGHT TO HAVE MY NAME THAT I LIKE WITHOUT GETTING SHOT. I HAVE  
16 TO TALK ABOUT THE OTHER THING. I HAVE TWO ISSUES.

17

18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** ARE YOU SPEAKING ON HIS TIME?

19

20 **MARY JACOBS:** HE IS, TOO, YES, ABOUT SOMETHING DIFFERENT. GO  
21 AHEAD, TELL THEM. AND I WANT TO ADD TO IT.

22

23 **SPEAKER:** WE HAVE HERE A STRANGE THING. I BELIEVE I'LL READ  
24 SOME. [INAUDIBLE] NEWBORN BABY. HE WAS BORN MAY 14TH BUT NO  
25 MATTER HOW MUCH WE CALL OR HOW WE TALK TO THE D.C.F.S., IT



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1 LOOKS LIKE THEY ARE QUESTIONING MY PATERNITY AND THE RIGHTS  
2 REQUIRED. A LAWYER, WELL I'M NOT GOING TO PAY FOR A LAWYER FOR  
3 SOMETHING LIKE THIS. I'LL GO TO THE ORIGINAL DOCTOR IF YOU SO  
4 WISH AND ASK HIM WHAT HE WANTS TO DO ABOUT IT. IT WOULD BE  
5 PROBABLY THE SIMPLE MATTER INVOLVING D.N.A. TESTS FOR MYSELF,  
6 THE CHILD AND THE MOTHER. THAT SEEMS REASONABLE TO ME.  
7 ANYTHING MORE THAN THAT, THE COURT'S GOING TO HAVE TO ORDER  
8 SOME CAUSE OF ACTION THAT I CAN GET MY ESTATE TO PAY THE LEGAL  
9 FEES. I AM RETIRED. I HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO INCOME. I JUST OWN A  
10 LOT HERE IN AND IN ARIZONA. AND I DON'T TAKE ANY OF THE MONEY  
11 FROM THAT BECAUSE I DON'T NEED IT. I LIVE A VERY SIMPLE LIFE.  
12 SO WHATEVER YOU SUGGEST MIGHT BE A REASONABLE AND EQUITABLE  
13 SOLUTION TO THIS PROBLEM, I'D BE MORE THAN PLEASED TO DO THAT  
14 AND BRING IT BACK TO YOU WITHIN A COUPLE OF DAYS.

15

16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** IF YOU'D LIKE TO SPEAK TO SOMEONE  
17 FROM D.C.F.S., WE CAN ARRANGE FOR THAT. OKAY. SHELIAH WARD.  
18 RUTH SARNOFF. ERIC PREVEN. ARNOLD SACHS.

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20 **SHELIAH WARD:** GREETINGS IN THE SPIRIT OF THE MOST HIGH. CHIEF  
21 COMMANDERESS, GODDESS, AMBASSADOR SHELIAH WARD. I'M HER TO  
22 TALK ABOUT MUHAMMAD ALI TODAY. HE'S THE REASON WHY BLACK  
23 PEOPLE DIDN'T BURN DOWN THIS WORLD BECAUSE HE CAME OUT AND HE  
24 ARROGANTLY SAID, I AM THE GREATEST. WHEN HE SAID THAT, BLACK  
25 PEOPLE WERE PROUD ALL OVER THE WORLD AND THEY STOOD UP WITH



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1 HIM. WHEN WE HAD OUR FIRST, NOT FIRST WHEN WE STARTED  
2 CELEBRATING KWANZAA, I WAS PART OF THE FIRST. AND HE CAME OUT  
3 AND BROUGHT, DURING THE TIME THAT THE HONORABLE ELIJAH  
4 MUHAMMAD PASSED AWAY AND THERE WAS A WAR, HE CAME OUT AND  
5 STOPPED THE WAR. HE HELPED ME WHEN HE BROUGHT OVER 50,000  
6 MUSLIMS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD TO MARCH DOWN CRENSHAW TO  
7 EXPOSITION TO THE PARK CALLED LEIMERT. TODAY I WOULD LIKE TO  
8 OPEN UP AN EXTENDED INVITATION TO ALL THOSE MUSLIMS THAT CAME  
9 OUT TO COME TO EXPOSITION AND CRENSHAW ON THIS SUNDAY,  
10 JUNETEENTH WHICH IS THE BLACK MAN'S INDEPENDENCE IN THIS  
11 COUNTRY, AND CELEBRATE WITH US FROM EXPOSITION AND CRENSHAW.  
12 WE'RE GOING TO LEAVE AT NOON, ALL THE WAY TO THE PARK CALLED  
13 LEIMERT WHERE WE ARE GOING TO CELEBRATE. WE WILL HAVE POLLING.  
14 WE WILL GO THE FEDERATION OF UNIONS AND TALK TO RANDY AND GET  
15 SOME INFORMATION SO PEOPLE CAN VOTE SO THAT BERNIE, HE'S A  
16 WHITE MAN, HILLARY'S A WHITE WOMAN TRUMP IS WHITE, SO WHAT'S  
17 THE BIG DEAL? IF BLACK PEOPLE AND PEOPLE LIKE BERNIE LIKE  
18 BETTER THAN THEY LIKE THE OTHER PEOPLE THEN STOP TURNING  
19 AGAINST THE GREAT MAN BERNIE WHO IS EXPERIENCED AND WAS HERE  
20 LONG AGO AND KNOWS HOW TO DEAL WITH RACISM AND WHAT'S GOING ON  
21 IN OUR WORLD TO KEEP PEACE AS WE WALK THROUGH THE LIFE THAT WE  
22 LIVE IN TODAY. AND I'D LIKE TO ALSO MENTION THAT, PLEASE HIRE  
23 SOME BLACK PEOPLE ON THAT JOB THAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT ON 51,  
24 AGENDA 51.

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1    **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER?

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3    **RUTH SARNOFF:** I JUST WANTED TO BRING TO YOUR ATTENTION, WELL  
4    FIRST OF ALL, I DID SUBMIT A COUPLE OF ARTICLES AND I HOPE  
5    YOU'LL READ THEM BECAUSE THEY WERE RELATIVE TO THE ELECTION  
6    AND THE SPIN THAT CAME OFF OF THE ELECTION AS A RESULT OF THE  
7    WRITER OF THE BIG HALF PAGE ARTICLE IN THE TIMES OF HER  
8    IMPRESSIONS OF THE RACE AS BEING LOW TURNOUT AND EVERYTHING  
9    THAT WE'RE SEEING IS THAT IT WAS A VERY HIGH TURNOUT AROUND  
10   47, 45, 47 PERCENT, WHICH IS VERY HIGH FOR A PRIMARY ELECTION.  
11   AND THAT'S HOW MANY BALLOTS WERE TOTAL CAST. SO I'M JUST  
12   SAYING AND I HOPE THAT THERE WILL BE SOME LOOK AT WHAT OTHER  
13   COUNTIES IN THE STATE, BECAUSE BASED ON THE L.A. COUNTY  
14   FIGURES AND L.A. COUNTY'S POPULATION AND WHAT I'VE SEEN FROM  
15   CONTRA COSTA AND A COUPLE OF OTHER COUNTIES, IT LOOKS LIKE THE  
16   SAME PATTERNS THAT TOOK PLACE HERE MAY HAVE BEEN PRESENT IN  
17   ALL OR MOST OF THE COUNTIES. AND I THINK THAT SOME LOOK AND  
18   SOME OUTREACH BY THIS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO ALL THE OTHER  
19   COUNTIES HERE IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AS TO WHAT THEIR  
20   ELECTION EXPERIENCES HAVE BEEN AND WHAT DATA THEY CAN ADD TO  
21   THIS BECAUSE I WAS IN ARIZONA AT 11:30 AT NIGHT ON ELECTION  
22   NIGHT IN PHOENIX IN MARICOPA COUNTY, AND I COUNTED 160 PEOPLE  
23   IN LINE AT 11:30 AT NIGHT. THEY HAD BEEN IN LINE ABOUT FIVE  
24   HOURS. AND THEY HAD BEEN SENDING OUT FOR DONUTS AND PIZZA ALL  
25   DAY AND THERE WERE LINES ALL OVER THAT COUNTY HAD A PARTICULAR



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1 PROBLEM, NOT A GENERAL PROBLEM NECESSARILY FOR THE STATE, THEY  
2 HAD A REDUCTION FROM 200 PRECINCTS TO 60.

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4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

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6 **RUTH SARNOFF:** AND THE PEOPLE WHO WERE NOT ALLOWED TO VOTE IN  
7 ARIZONA AND WE'VE NEVER SEEN A RECKONING AND THERE'S BEEN TWO  
8 HEARINGS FEDERAL AND STATE INVESTIGATION. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

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12 **ARNOLD SACHS:** OH, YES, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD  
13 SACHS. IN YOUR LARGENESS TODAY, ESPECIALLY WITH THIS ITEM  
14 ABOUT THE VOTING WAS ABSOLUTELY FASCINATING. MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS  
15 MAKING COMMENT ABOUT HOW THE AGENDIZED ITEM WAS ACTUALLY ABOUT  
16 THE CITY OF CARSON. AND YOU, MADAME CHAIR, WERE AGREEING WITH  
17 HIM THAT THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS AND PRINCIPLES ALLOWED THE  
18 PUBLIC TO SPEAK ON IT. AND I'M THINKING, DO YOU KNOW WHEN DEAN  
19 LOGAN CAME UP TO MAKE HIS PRESENTATION? HE MENTIONED ONE WORD  
20 ABOUT CARSON. NOT ONE WORD ABOUT CARSON AT ALL IN THAT  
21 PRESENTATION. SO THAT WOULD MEAN THAT THE COUNTY COUNSEL  
22 SHOULD HAVE SAID "UH, SIR, YOU'RE NOT ON SUBJECT. THE SUBJECT  
23 IS CARSON. YOU NEED TO REFER TO CARSON." BUT SHE DIDN'T. BUT  
24 SHE HAS A WAY OF COMMENTING WHEN PEOPLE OVER HERE ARE OFF  
25 TOPIC ON ITEMS WE'RE DISCUSSING. EXCEPT WHEN WE TRY TO TALK





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1 ABOUT LIKE PORTER RANCH. NOW SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH MADE SOME  
2 COMMENTS ABOUT SOME MORE MUCH HIS CONSTITUENTS SENDING HIM  
3 NOTES. NOBODY SAID ANYTHING ABOUT SENDING NOTES TO THE  
4 HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION WHO ACTUALLY GOT THEM INTO HOT WATER  
5 OF BUYING A HOUSE, SITTING ON TOP OF A GAS BOMB. BUT YOU  
6 DIDN'T MENTION ANYTHING ABOUT THAT. AND THE DEMOCRATIC  
7 PRINCIPLES THAT ARE INVOLVED THAT MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS MENTIONED.  
8 HE WAS THE MAYOR WHEN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS UNILATERALLY  
9 CUT THE PUBLIC'S OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS ITEMS ON THE AGENDA  
10 FOR A GIVEN AMOUNT OF TIME. DID IT WITHOUT ANY DISCUSSION, DID  
11 IT WITHOUT HAVING IT AGENDIZED, JUST DID IT. SO YOUR  
12 DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES THAT SERVE YOU ARE DEMOCRATIC. BUT WHEN  
13 THEY ONLY SERVE ONE SIDE, THAT'S NOT SO DEMOCRATIC, MADAME  
14 CHAIR.

15

16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE'LL NOW TURN TO THE EXECUTIVE  
17 OFFICE.

18

19 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** MADAME CHAIR, THERE IS A REQUEST TO  
20 CONTINUE ITEMS C.S.-1, C.S.-2 AND C.S.-3 FOR ONE WEEK TO JUNE  
21 21, 2016.

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23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, OUR MEETING  
24 HAS CONCLUDED. WE'RE NOW ADJOURNED. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

25 [GAVEL.]



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